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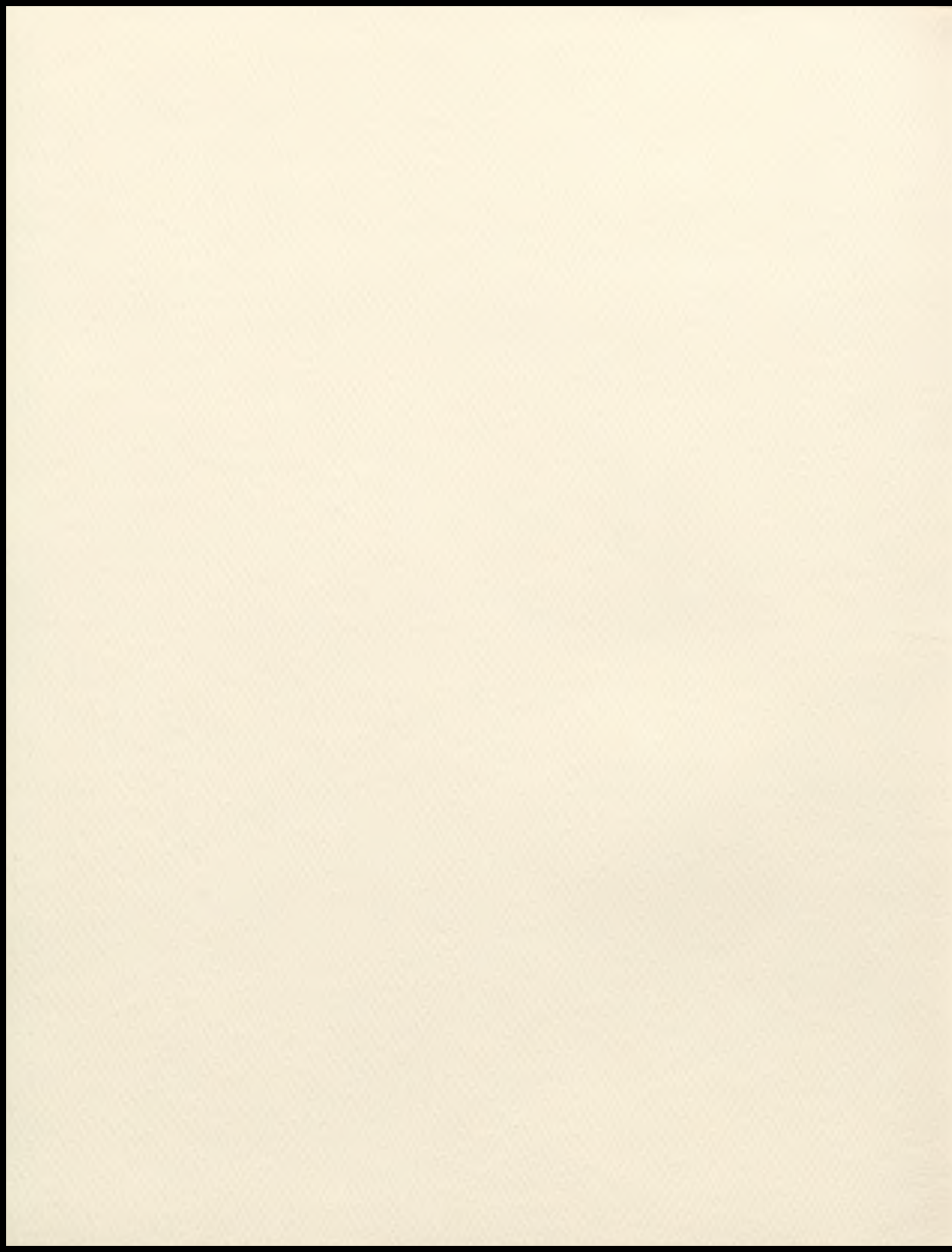
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Diving back into the water, junior Lanie Smith draws in her last breath until she surfaces again. Smith swam the individual butterfly and competed in the medley relay. Her relay team went to state competition and placed 16th.
photo by Emily Miller

2 Opening Division

Concentrating

on his hydrocarbon mixture, junior Eric Peterson puts drops into the graduated cylinder while his lab partner, junior Bryan Collins, watches. Chemistry labs were a way for students to learn hands on and a way for students to work with their classmates.

photo by Ed McAtce



Holding the last

note, senior Alicia Frasier completes her solo in the Christmas show. The mixed and freshman choruses performed "A Christmas Around the World" at the Baptist church downtown. Selections included songs from Germany, France and Russia. *photo by Emily Miller*



Riding in the

homecoming parade, juniors Melissa Mattern and Shelby Sleep sit on the Danz Team float. Junior Marcia Mattern, senior Jenna Logan, sophomore Ellen Dane and seniors Emilie Houle and Sarah Nichols got ready to throw candy to the waiting crowd. *photo by Anne Sciorrotta*



At Leadership

Retreat, sophomores Sarah Martin and Rachel Bryant exchange warm fuzzies in front of the main lodge at the Boone YMCA Camp. Teachers and students at the retreat practiced giving warm fuzzies and compliments and avoided giving cold pricklies. *photo by Anne Sciorrotta*



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Students spent weekends at home/out on the town

▪ Having dances in the old gym was cool/lame ▪ People did/didn't wear the fashions in style for the year ▪ Students were looking forward to/dreading their future ▪ Students had fond/horrible memories of their elementary days ▪ Conversations in the huddles were vivid/dull ▪ The teams kept cool/cracked under the pressure during close games ▪ Many of the chorus songs were flat/sharp ▪ The lead characters fell off/managed to stay on the stage ▪ Students spent many/few hours studying for finals ▪ Leadership Retreat improved/ruined students' social skills ▪ Business owners loved it/criinged when students came in ▪ The seniors were cute/ugly in their senior ad pictures ▪ spread by Kate Vocolka



Entering the

lobby, freshman Annie Waller gets ready to face the day of school. Walking in the doors on the first day was a scary experience for many freshman. Waller said, "I thought all the seniors would pick on me so I was scared, but after the first day it got easier." She also said it was a little easier once she realized that all of the other freshman felt the same way about going to a new school.

photo by Kate Vocelka

4 People Division

Decked out in
a sombrero, one of the Hip
Shakers' many band
practice rituals, junior Ryan
Hulsebus plays some of the
chords of the song, *Leave
Me Alone*. The Hip Shakers'
band practices took place in
the basement of Hulsebus'
house. *photo by Jennifer
White*



Girl/Boy

Dreams forecasted/didn't forecast the future (pp.

42-43) ■ Winter Formal was postponed/hold at the set

date (pp. 35-36) ■ Teachers were staying/dropping like

flies (pp.46-47) ■ Students' senior/freshman year was like

being at the top/bottom of the world (pp. 40-41) ■ When

students were little/big kids, they wanted/didn't want to

be teachers (pp.18-19) ■ MTV was cancelled/not cancelled

for the Animal Channel (pp.16-17) ■ Going online, students

were able/unable to go to all/certain sites (pp. 26-27) ■ The

reason for Flight 800's crash was resolved/unresolved

(pp.10-11) ■ O.J. Simpson was acquitted/found guilty in his

civil trial (pp. 8-9) ■ Many/few deaths occurred in the Holly-

wood/common scene (pp.12-13) ■ The presidential election

was a success for Clinton/Dole and had more/fewer voters

than ever (pp. 6-7) ■ spread by Jennifer White



Trying to

suppress her boredom and pass time, junior Angela Schaad plays a game on her graphing calculator in an early dismissal gym class. In gym, early out Wednesdays were spent as a study hall, playing basketball or gossiping. photo by Alyssa Friedow



Assisting a

customer, junior Sharon Ehm works at Blossoms & Bows in Village Square Mall. Ehm worked two or three times a week to save money for going to college. Ehm's tasks included answering phones and cleaning around the business. photo by Alyssa Friedow



Attacking her

Coke can and the video game "Centipede," freshman Kim Elsham tries to beat the clock to win the game at a party. The party, following the Madrigal dinner, was held at sophomore Rory Flynn's house. photo by Wesley Nyberg



Grabbing some

pizza, senior Mary Ann Johnson prepares to quiet her stomach's rumblings at a sleep over party for junior Anne Sciorrotta's birthday. To celebrate, they played "Truth" and watched old '70s movies. photo by Wesley Nyberg

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'96 Elections

- ~ The elections took place on November 5, 1996
- ~ President Clinton received 49% of the popular vote
- ~ Republican Robert J. Dole received 41% of the popular vote
- ~ Reform H. Ross Perot received 9% of the popular vote
- ~ U.S. Senate: Tom Harkin: 52%
Jim Ross Lightfoot: 47%

Shaking the hand of the vice president's wife, senior Jenny Meek follows fellow government classmates through the line to meet the political campaigners. Tipper Gore and Connie McBurney came to campaign at the middle school for the elections that took place on November 5. Mrs. McBurney was running for the U.S. Representative from the fourth district of Iowa and Mrs. Gore was here to win support for her husband, Vice President Al Gore. Seniors in selected classes were given the opportunity to be on the question panel for the two campaigners. *photo by Wesley Nyberg*

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Jared Grant
senior



"I would have voted for Bill Clinton. Bob Dole is just way too old to identify with. He wouldn't understand the problems that the younger generation faces and he would only be open to the old fashion ideas of his time, not today."

Sarah Nichols
senior



"I voted for Bob Dole because I don't really trust Bill Clinton. He has had too many controversies surrounding his name, like the Whitewater affairs. I don't think that the President of the United States should be involved in that."

Rob Maloney
senior



"I was only two weeks away from being able to vote. I was really bummed. If I could have voted for the president I would have voted for Ross Perot. He's a rebel and didn't do the same things that the other candidates did."

Tenisha Davis
senior



"I couldn't vote this year, but I believe that the voting age is fine the way it is. Voting to me is a big deal. Having a political voice is important and signifies every person's place and role in the way that our country is run."

spread by Tammy Jo Walz

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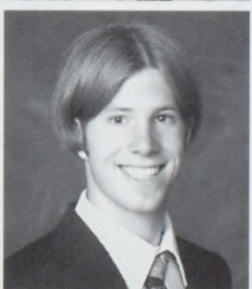
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ISSUES

O.J. Civil Trial

- ~ 101 different witnesses.
- ~ 41 days of testimony.
- ~ The jury deliberated for 16 hours.
- ~ Simpson was fined \$8.5 million for compensatory damages.
- ~ The Brown's sought no damages.
- ~ O.J. verdict was on TV at the same time President Clinton's State of the Union Address.

Oct. 23, 1996,
Opening state-
ments
in civil trial.

Dec. 9, 1996,
Victim's father,
Fred Goldman,
testifies.

Jan. 21, 1997,
Plaintiffs' closing
statement, "There's a
killer in the courtroom."

Nov. 22, 1996,
O.J. testifies for
the first time in
front of the jury.

Dec. 20, 1996,
O.J. receives custody
of children, Justin and
Sydney.

Feb. 4, 1997,
Verdict is an-
nounced, jury finds
Simpson liable in
slayings.

Information source CNN Homepage.

VOICES

Diane Lindhoff
senior



"Personally, I would have rather watched the O.J. verdict because the State of the Union Address was boring. I think younger people would have rather watched the verdict. I guess you can't argue with the government."

Dan Mills
senior



"O.J. isn't getting off easy by paying the \$8.5 million dollars. He was proven innocent, even though I think he's guilty. And if he is guilty he'll have to live with what happened and what he did for the rest of his life."

Ellen Bryant
senior



"I followed the trial when it very first started. I really don't care much for it now because it keeps dragging on from one thing to another. He wasn't guilty because if he was he wouldn't have left so much evidence lying around."

Kevin Shafer
senior



"I watched the O.J. trial a little bit, but it was the same thing over and over again. He's been proven not guilty by a jury, but I have my doubt about that. O.J.'s getting off easy by just paying the money if he's guilty. He'll never have to do the time."

spread by Leslie McAtee

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Casey Daniel Hansen*

GOOD IDEA: DENYING YOU OWN THE DESIGNER SHOES

BAD IDEA: GETTING YOUR PICTURE TAKEN IN THEM

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Crash of Flight 800

- ~ Occurred Wed., July 17, 1996.
- ~ Crashed off Long Island.
- ~ Plane en route to Paris.
- ~ 212 passengers died.
- ~ 17 crew members died.
- ~ Cause hasn't been determined.
- ~ FBI is searching for information.



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Mary Ann Johnson
senior



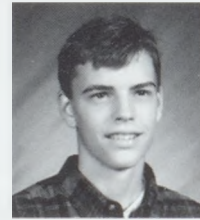
"I was devastated when I heard of the crash. I couldn't begin to feel the pain their families had to be feeling. I think the crash was caused by a bomb. There had been many bomb scares around this time, like the Olympic bombing."

Ben Oviatt
senior



"I believe that a U.S. Navy missile shot down the plane because they have radar saying that there was an unidentified object hitting the plane. Also, there was an original eye witness who said that they saw something hit the plane."

Chris Kroeger
senior



"I remembered that Mr. Donahue's French trip left that day, and I was worried. I think that it was a faulty fuel rod that caused an explosion. It seemed like the airport officials didn't want to talk about it and it could be a cover-up."

Casey Abler
senior



"I was worried because I thought it had people from Johnston on it. I called around and found out that it wasn't them. I believe it was a cargo door coming off because a loss of pressure is a likely cause of an explosion."

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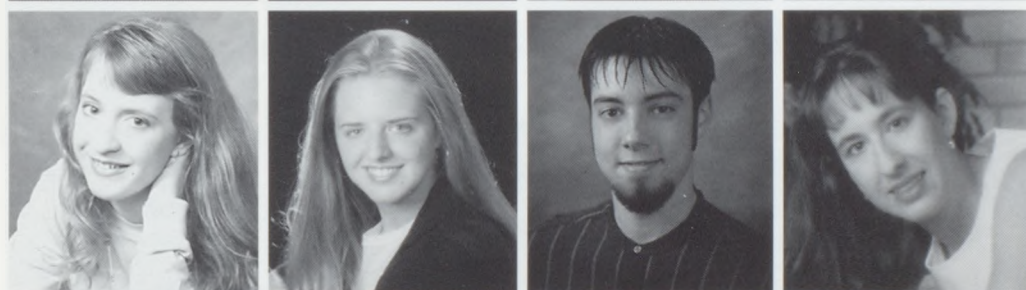
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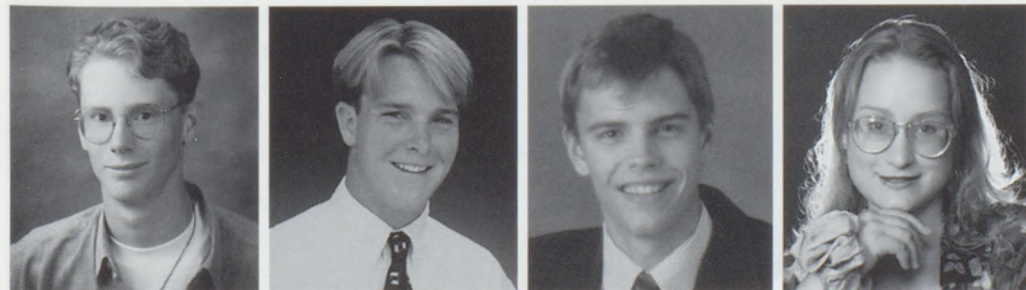
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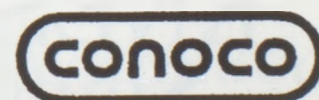


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Fatalities

- ~ JonBenet Ramsey, six years old, murdered December 25. Her ransom was for \$118,000.
- ~ George Burns died at 100 years of age.
- ~ Ryan Davis, Urbandale wrestler, died in a motorcycle crash.
- ~ Rapper Tupac Shakur died of four gunshot wounds.

Ryan Davis, 1979-1996

On October 5, 1996, an Urbandale High School junior, Ryan Davis, was killed in a automobile accident. Davis was driving a motorcycle, which collided with a white mini-van on the corner of Plum Drive and 72nd Street in Urbandale. Davis was a wrestling star on the varsity wrestling team and a past state qualifier. Students walked from Urbandale High School down to the scene of the accident where a candlelight vigil was held in Davis' memory.

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Dan Sunblad
senior



"I felt that the death of JonBenet Ramsey was horrible. I was shocked to see such a young girl molested and killed. It made me angry knowing that there are so many sick people in our world today that would do such a thing."

Holly Susic
senior



"I took the whole experience about Ryan Davis' death as something to learn from. As teenagers we think of ourselves as 10 feet tall and bullet proof. Ryan was a prime example of pushing the limits too far and paying the ultimate price."

Brandi Shelby
senior



"I can still remember watching George Burns movies and laughing at him because he was funny looking. He lived a long and prosperous life. I think he died a happy man- a cigar in his mouth, a drink in his hand and all."

José Tovar
senior



"If Tupac Shakur had died, it wouldn't have affected me. The story is that he didn't die. He's still alive and well in Argentina, living with Elvis Presley in a little shack on the beach. He'll probably start rapping again under a different name."

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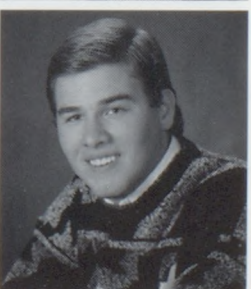
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Christine Notis	

Taking advantage of the warm weather in

September of 1986, senior Ken Jones plays in the mini-pool with his sister, graduate Jennifer Jones and graduate Brad Schonhorst. The three spent many warm days playing in the pool and running through sprinklers in Schonhorst's backyard. *photo by Carol Schonhorst*

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Todd Bass
senior



"In third grade, I got in a fight with Jeff Thompson (senior) over a girl. I told him to leave her alone, so he started swinging at me. The next thing I knew we were being broken up by a teacher and we had recess taken away for four weeks."

Katie Hoss
senior



"Kyla Kiester (senior) was supposed to ride the bus home with me one day in second grade. For some reason she decided that she didn't want to come to my house. We got in a huge fight and we were mad at each other for two years."

Jason Reis
senior



"Matt Sinnwell (senior) and I used to play in the garden behind my house. We would throw around hot peppers, tomatoes and potatoes. One day while we were throwing stuff, we both got pepper juice on our eyes so we cried together."

Jana Yanders
senior



"On the first day of kindergarten my brother was going to come down and get me so we could ride the bus. His teacher wouldn't let him, so I was stuck playing house with Mrs. (Bettie) Bibler until 5:00 when my mom could pick me up."

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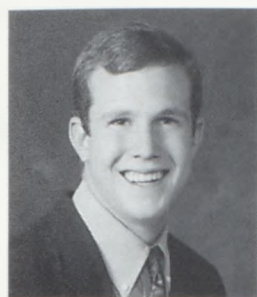
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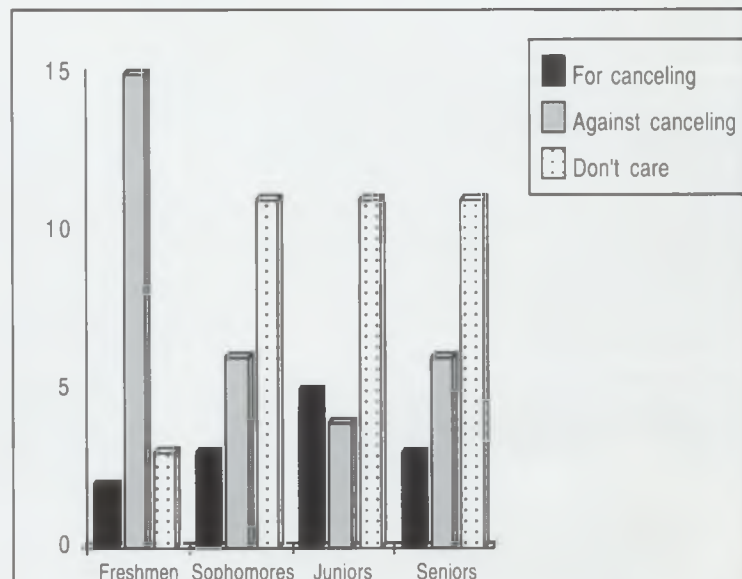
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BAD IDEA: SAVING ONE'S DETENTION SLIPS IN A SCRAPBOOK

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Canceling MTV

- ~ TCI dropped MTV in late December.
- ~ KKDM 107.5's petition had 11,000 signatures.
- ~ KKDM placed a full page ad on January 21 in the *DSM Register* showing Des Moines and Siberia as the only places without MTV.
- ~ The unofficial decision to bring back MTV came on January 23.
- ~ MTV returned to television on March 1.

Information provided by *DSM Register*V
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SJenny Reed
senior

"I think it was kind of stupid for TCI to pull MTV because they thought it was too graphic, but it is not. Some of it's educational and entertaining. TCI lost money and respect from Des Moines viewers by doing what they did."

Mitch Henry
senior

"I don't have cable so I can't watch MTV. When I go to friends' houses we watch it just because there was nothing else on. I don't understand why they pulled it. Probably just because kids don't pay the bill, so we don't get any rights."

Amanda Fox
senior

"I think canceling MTV was a good thing. We got the Animal Planet and Cartoon Network instead. TCI woke people up and brought attention to the bad messages from MTV; it brought out to the open there were alternatives."

Shea Braune
senior

"I'm indifferent about TCI pulling MTV. I don't really care because I never watch it. It's stupid for them to cancel it, but it doesn't matter. It's also stupid that people are throwing such a fit that a TV channel got canceled."

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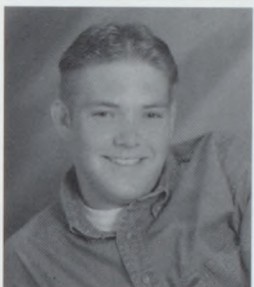
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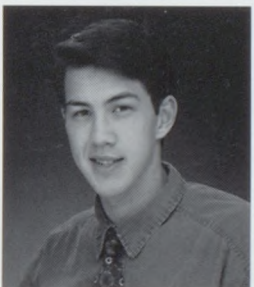
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Beckie Burnett



Making Life-altering Decisions

Whether they were ready or not, students were faced with grown-up choices.

Since preschool, students have been asked, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Things have changed since preschool as high school proved to be one step closer to answering that question.

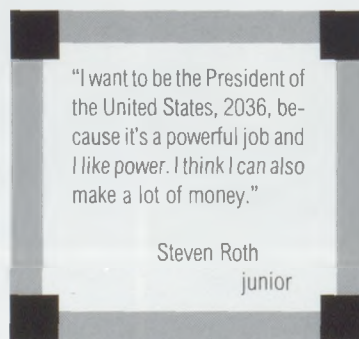
Many students decided what career they wanted according to their interests. "I would like to be a clinical psychologist because I like to help people and psychology has always interested me," said junior Leah Anderson.

Other people hoped to be in the spotlight in their career. "I want to be a country music singer. I love to sing and you get to be famous," said junior Chad Pembroke.

However, some students were unsure of their future. "I don't know what I want to be. I'll probably go to college, but being a bum with money would be fun," said junior Anne Schoville.

Along with working, growing up came with new responsibilities. Junior Dave Gray saw both sides. "You get to make your own choices and get to do whatever you want, but you also have to pay for your own food and all the bills."

As time was running out on their high school career, students were forced to seriously contemplate their futures. *spread by Michelle Norton*



GOOD IDEA: GET OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL AND LIVE ON YOUR OWN

BAD IDEA: LIVE WITH YOUR PARENTS THE REST OF YOUR LIFE



Kevin Burpee



James Carter
Michelle Casto
Matthew Chatham
Nicole Chavas
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Sharon Ehm
Seth Elliott
J.D. Engstrom
Erin Flynn



Preparing to be a

teacher, junior Lisa DeFigueiredo and Chris Willams read *Kermit's Playtime ABC*. DeFigueiredo said, "I have a service credit with Mrs. (Amy) Potts. This helps me gain experience working with kids." photo by Michelle Norton



Browsing through

a Clarke College brochure, juniors Missy Knowles and Beth Simpson see what the campus has to offer. Knowles, Simpson and friends met to discuss scholarships, campus clubs, living arrangements and other important college topics. photo by Alycia Comer



GOOD IDEA: LOOK FOR A COLLEGE THAT FITS WHAT YOU WANT

BAD IDEA: LOOK FOR A COLLEGE THAT HAS THE HOTTEST GUYS/GIRLS

Brooke Foltz
Adam Foster
Shaun Fox
Jen Goode



Dave Gray
Sarah Green
Kellie Greiner
Troy Hansen
Lisa Hare
Tim Hartschen
Danielle Heisler



J.P. Herselius
Shawn Heuss
Tamekia Hill
Jerod Hockensmith
Joe Hockett
Patrick Holmertz
Josh House



Lori Howard
Nathan Huber
Ryan Hulsebus
Damian Ingersoll
Tyler Jacobsen
Heidi Kiester
Derek Kim



Relief Through Repetition

Students took extra time to build muscles, tone their bodies and ease stress.

During the school day, the usual noises of students slamming lockers and fretting over lost homework were replaced before and after school by the clinking of weights and rock music from the weight room.

The weight room provided students the opportunity to improve their strength without having to buy a membership to a fitness club. Many students took advantage of this convenience. "I lift weights in order to maintain physical fitness," said junior Andy Willson. "I think this will help me achieve more for football, like a starting position."

Others realized the impact of lifting

weights in their off-season programs. "Lifting weights during the fall and winter really improves my performance for track and softball," said junior Heidi Kiester.

Besides working out after school, students also lifted before school. "I get up at 6:00 each morning to lift weights," said junior Nathan Krofta. "I need some kind of physical activity to wake up my body."

Even though students had different reasons for spending extra time in the weight room, they all played a part in making the student body more finely tuned. *spread by Tim Keck*

"I work with weights during the soccer season to get in better shape. Lifting also gives me a better chance of fighting against my brother."

Tonya Riley
junior

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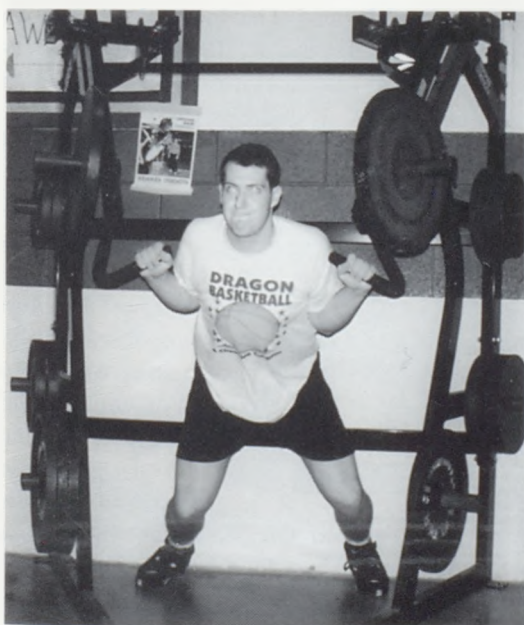


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Chad Larson
Krista Larson
Robert Larson
Shawn Larson
Tara Lashley
Jessica Leiendecker
Sean Lester

Jessica Ligas
Kristopher Logue
Jacob Lohr
Matthew Longmire
Tim Luse
Aditya Mahajan
Amy Martens



Working on his
blocking technique, junior
Dan Thompson puts in
another repetition on *The
Hammer*. *The Hammer* was
a piece of equipment used by
offensive linemen to improve
their football skills. *photo by*
Tim Keck



Improving his
upper pectoral muscles,
junior Kris Logue raises the
dumbbells in the incline
position. The incline bench
was one of the core lifts of
the school lifting program
along with squat, regular
bench, and dead lift. *photo*
by Tim Keck

GOOD IDEA: WEARING A WEIGHT BELT WHILE LIFTING

BAD IDEA: WEARING A WEIGHT BELT OUT ON THE TOWN

Chrystal Martin
Jonathan Martin
Marcia Mattern
Melissa Mattern
Jeff May
Edward McAtee
Kendra McBurney



Katie McClure
Margo McCravy
Ryan McGowan
Carolyn Merrill
Lyna Milbrandt
Benny Molayal
Felisha Montero



Jorie Moravec
Corrien Mundy
Jeremy Neswold
Stephanie Nichols
Adam Nieting
Shelly Nissen
Dayan Noble



Wesley Nyberg
Erin O'Brien
Lisa Odland
Greg Olcott
Nick Parenza
Jodi Peitzman
Chad Pembroke



Looking Toward Tomorrow

**When contemplating
the future, students
foresaw vast
changes in technol-
ogy.**

It was hard to know how technology would change the world to come, but many students had ideas about the many possibilities that existed.

Many felt that technology would change, but each student had his/her own ideas as to how. "I think that there will be more automation. Machines and computers will be doing work that people did before," said junior Matt Longmire.

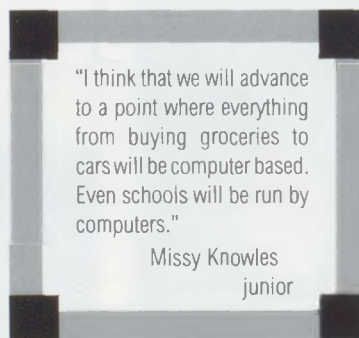
Some thought that the technology possessed now would keep advancing. Junior Shawn Stetson said, "We will still have CD roms, but they will be a lot smaller than they are today. I think we will use them more in

school. Instead of having books to carry we will read them on the CD roms. Once everyone has them, communication will be faster."

There were still other ideas about how technology and computers will change the way schools are run. "It will take time, but I think that everyone in school will have his/her own computer. You will do all of your homework and turn it in on a disk," said junior Tiffany Swanson.

Overall, the students predicted a change to a computerized world where technology would be used in the classroom.

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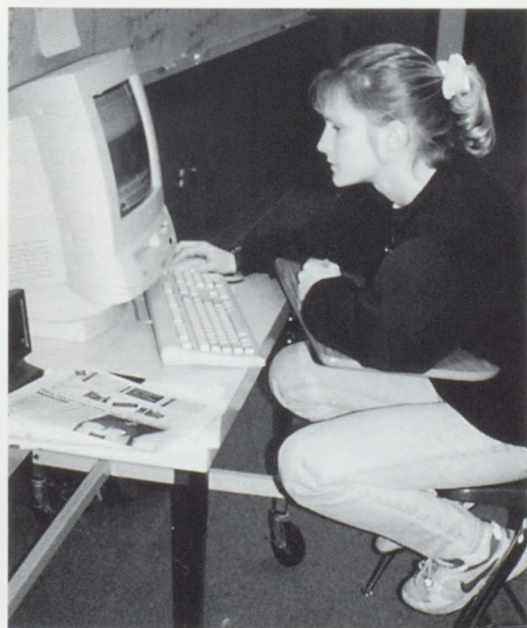
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Merrin Rose
Steven Roth
Erin Russom

Leah Rutherford
Angela Schaad
Jed Schmidt
Matthew Schonhorst
Anne Schoville
Carrie Schroeder
Dana Schultz
Anne Sciorrotta



Laboring over a
computer, junior Kate
Vocelka opens a file. Vocelka
took computer courses
including multi-media,
where the class presented a
project using technology to
the school board. *photo by*
Jennifer Gleason



Finishing her
homework, junior Alexi
Jameson works on a computer
in the library. Computers in
the library and computer lab
were available to students to
use during their free time.
When required, students used
the lab to type their final
projects and papers. *photo by*
Jennifer Gleason

GOOD IDEA: TAKING A COMPUTER COURSE

BAD IDEA: TAKING A COURSE ON UNDERWATER BASKET WEAVING

Brian Sellner
Brad Sewell
Elizabeth Simpson
Celeste Six
Shauna Sleep
Shelby Sleep
Kelly Sloan

Valeria Sloan-Lyon
Amanda Smart
Melanie Smith
Millie Smith
Shane Smith
Stephanie Southard
Jessica Staley

Shawn Stetson
Lisa Stradley
Micah Sturdevant
Kerian Sullivan
Tiffany Swanson
Charles Terhune
Amanda Thomas

Chad Thompson
Daniel Thompson
John Thoren
William Tiernan
Theresa Timmins
Jason Timmons
Michelle Tomars



Saving for the Future

**Students worked
for money as
challenges awaited
in the real world.**

The future, for most was full of new and exciting opportunities. Unfortunately, along with these new opprotunities came many new expenses.

Attending college was a plan for 92% (155 out of 170 surveyed) of the junior class. Some had not planned for the costs at all. "I don't have any idea how I'm going to pay for college," said junior Nicole Chavas.

Others had a plan mapped out. "My parents are paying for three years of college, and I'm responsible for anything after that," said junior Lisa Koch.

Part-time jobs were common ways that most got funds for college. Bank accounts

were also neccessities for most when saving for college. "I put half of my pay check from Disc Jockey into a savings account for college," said junior Nathan Huber.

Another option explored was possible scholarships. "I've looked through scholarship books and been on College View many times," said junior Chrystal Martin.

Eventually, most found a way to pay for this experience. "I have good grades so I should

get some scholarships, I will hopefully get financial aid and my parents and I will pay for the rest," said junior Nathan Benn.

spread by Alyssa Friedow

"I'm looking for a job that pays well and one that I can get a lot of hours with. I'm also looking for a job where I can gain some valuable experience."

Kelli Dennis
junior

GOOD IDEA: LOOKING FOR SCHOLARSHIP FORMS

BAD IDEA: NOT FILLING OUT SCHOLARSHIP FORMS



Kelly Trees



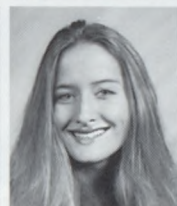
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Josh Vanoort
Andrew Verlengia
Andrew Vis
Katherine Vocolka
Tammy Walz



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Rachel Webster
Joshua Wells
Justin West
Brent Whippis
Emile White



Mary Beth Whitehill
Eric Wilcutt
Amanda Willcox
Isaac Williams
Andrew Willson
Kathryn Wong
Kelly Woodward



Receiving orders

from manager Sean Cihacek, junior Brian Collins looks over customer requests. Collins worked at Software Etc... for five months. He saved some money for college and spent the rest. photo by Alyssa Friedow



Looking over his

bank deposit receipt, junior Ben Molayal checks to see how much money he has saved for college. Molayal worked at Dahls for three years and has been saving money ever since. Molayal planned on attending Iowa State University after he graduated. photo by Alyssa Friedow

GOOD IDEA: WORKING TO PAY FOR COLLEGE

BAD IDEA: STEALING TO PAY FOR COLLEGE

Timothy Adkisson
Nicholas Allen
Amber Alli
David Allison
Chad Anderson
Robert Anderson
Alyssa Andrews



Daniel Armstrong
Samantha Arndt
Joel Ashby
Aaron Atkinson
Robbie Backstrom
Emily Baker
Stephanie Barnes



Receiving assis-
tance from library associate
Cookie Cranston, sophomore
Michelle Vacco gets ready to
surf the web. Before browsing
the library staff was required to
key in a password to enable the
students to log on. *photo by Ed
McAtee*



Casually browsing

pages, sophomore Matt
Holub looks up a classmate's
homepage. Besides searching
for students' homepages,
Holub enjoyed looking for a
good laugh. "I like to access
David Letterman's site and
find the top ten lists." said
Holub. *photo by Ed McAtee*



Katherine Barnett
Jacob Bass
Pankhury Batra
Andrea Bean
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Searching, Browsing, Surfing

With the internet in full swing, students used new ways to find old information.

With so many innovations, it was hard to keep up. Students had an advantage because the internet was offered to them. If the students were doing a project for a class or just browsing around, the internet proved to be a valuable resource for them.

"I use the internet to find out how my favorite teams are doing," said sophomore Aaron Wych. "That way I can keep track of their scores and stats."

Even with the vast information on the internet, it was still expanding. With millions of new users logging on every year, more people learned to surf the web every day.

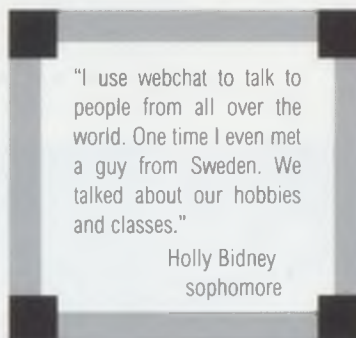
Some students used the internet for other

reasons. Sophomore Jaison Molayal said, "Whenever I want to listen to a song I just download it and listen to it on my computer."

Mr. Dennis Yoshimura said the school planned to enlarge it's server size to accomodate the usage within the district. The school also planned to improve it's homepage, so that people could read about the community on the internet.

With all the information on "The Net," students had many uses for it. No

matter if the students were looking up sports stats or listening to music, the internet became the library of the future. *spread by Edward McAtee*



"I use webchat to talk to people from all over the world. One time I even met a guy from Sweden. We talked about our hobbies and classes."

Holly Bidney
sophomore



Lauren Conway
Lacey Corcoran
Greg Cottrell
Andy Creger
Karolina Czerwinski

GOOD IDEA: SEARCHING THE WEB FOR PICTURES

BAD IDEA: SURFING THE WEB FOR NUDIE PICTURES

Dennis Dane
Ellen Dane
Douglas Davis
Reid Davis
Christina DeHamer
Wendy Dennis
Erin Derby



Michael Desmond
Chris Dickey
Tanika Dixon
Kim Dorrell
Justin Douglas
Eric Downing
Adena Dudney



Freshman foreign
exchange student Bartoleme DeBabista shoots hoops after school. DeBabista, from Argentina, was one of the five students to visit and study in America. During his stay, DeBabista helped teach Mrs. Pam Barnes' Spanish I and II classes. *photo by Kate Vocelka*



With another bite
of pasta, senior Julia Bartmann shares memories from the season with senior Jenny Meek. Bartmann was a new face on the varsity girls' basketball team. The girls cooked and ate pasta together to load up on the carbohydrates for the next day's game. *photo by Kate Vocelka*



Dan Echtenkamp
Jill Emmerich
Megan Evans
Lori Fabor
Angela Finestead
Rory Flynn
Jon Foley



Shane Foster
Renae Fuller
Jeremy Gannon
Matthew Gaukler
Phillip Gauthier
Jennifer Gleason
John Good



GOOD IDEA: TRAVELING TO A FOREIGN COUNTRY TO STUDY

BAD IDEA: GETTING SENT HOME FOR NOT STUDYING



Steven Good
Jason Grant
Mike Green
Ricky Green
Natalie Grimm
Nicole Grimm
Derek Haas

Luke Hall
Jason Halstead
Chuck Hamilton
Nathan Hamilton
Lindsay Hansen
Matthew Hansen
Ryan Hargens

Coming To America

Foreign students arrived to broaden their horizons and learn about American customs.

Coming to a foreign country was a challenging yet enjoyable experience for those with the opportunity. Several foreign exchange students traveled from home to become familiar with the United States' customs and to have fun.

Most students noticed the differences between cultures quickly. "In Mexico, the teachers move around from class to class and all 50 kids stay in the same classroom," said senior Louis Marquez from Chihuahua, Mexico.

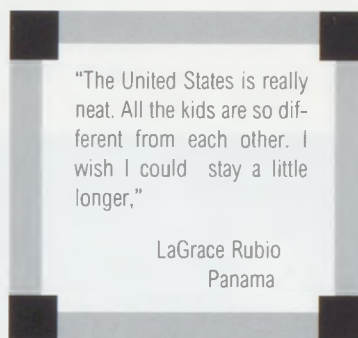
During their visit, students got involved in many activities from basketball to indoor soccer. Night life and social life

also took some adjustment. "Americans don't stay up as late as we do at home, but I've gotten used to going to bed early," said senior Julia Bartmann, a student from Hamburg, Germany.

New schedules took time to get used to. Some had a whole school year to get adjusted to them, while others were here for only two months, just long enough to get a taste of a different culture.

When their travels were complete, foreign exchange students re-

turned to what they called home. They had stories to tell of what they did and recalled how different the cultures actually were.
spread by Leslie McAtee



"The United States is really neat. All the kids are so different from each other. I wish I could stay a little longer."

LaGrace Rubio
Panama



Braxton Harmon
Sara Harper
Adam Haug
Julie Heffling

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Dan Johnson
Daniel Knapp



After being
crowned king and queen,
seniors Chase Young and
Tenisha Davis show off
their crowns. Young and
Davis were up against
seniors Katie Hoss, Paige
Stover, Adam Tetzloff and
Keith Hoppe. *photo by*
Mullica



Holding each
other close, sophomore Dan
Echtenkamp and freshman
Andrea Ranker dance
slowly. Songs that were
played consisted of rock,
alternative and country
music such as *Ice, Ice Baby*
by Vanilla Ice, *Spider Web*
by No Doubt and *You Look*
So Good in Love by George
Strait. *photo by Jennifer*
White



Mindy Knause
Kristyn Knight
Daniel Korte
Matt Kroeger
Matt Krueger
Heather Lamb
Megan Lehman



Paul Leto
Adam Lewis
John Lind
Peter Livingston
Cindy Loffler
Brent Loss
Nathan Lynch



GOOD IDEA: TAKING A SWEETHEART TO THE DANCE

BAD IDEA: TAKING YOUR FRIEND'S LITTLE BROTHER TO THE DANCE



Kennith Madison
Sara Madison
Donna Mahers
Margaret Marcucci
Sarah Martin
Jenna Matkins
Fred Matulka

Taryn McAdam
Leslie McAtee
Morgan McChurch
Andrew McGhay
Justin McKeever
Sarah Meston
Emily Meyer

Ready

And

Waiting

Despite the confusion surrounding the date of Winter Formal, the dance was still a success.

At last, after two time changes, the dance that many students had been waiting for arrived.

Winter Formal had been moved from January 18 to February 1 and then to the actual date of February 28. "It was never put on the calendar," said Ms. Stacia DeLuca, varsity cheerleading coach. "Since we were new advisors, we really didn't know we were in charge of the dance."

However, the date changes didn't effect the outcome of the dance. "Usually everyone stands around, but everyone was dancing," said sophomore Eric Scheuchl. "I thought it was better

than last year."

Close to the end of the night, the crowns were placed on the heads of the king and queen, seniors Chase Young and Tenisha

Davis. "I voted for Chase and Tenisha because I think they are well-rounded people and represent their senior class very well," said sophomore Sarah Meston.

Even though there was a lot of confusion surrounding Winter Formal, many students still came, danced all night and had their pictures taken with their dates and friends. *spread by Alycia Comer, Anne Sciorrotta and Kate Vocolka*



"Winter Formal is the time of the year when everyone scrambles around to find the perfect dress, and then fourteen people show up wearing it."

Katie Barnett
sophomore



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Pat O'Hollearn
Jeny Oderkirk
Laura Oderkirk
Lisa Oviatt
Jill Palensky



Trying a drum

line, sophomore Adam Haug practices Project X's cover of the "Inspector Gadget" theme song. The band rehearsed twice a week before the drum set broke, delaying practice. *photo by Jennifer White*



Interviewing

Bailey Seaven from the radio station 107.5 KKDM, sophomore Tim Boesenberg from the cable access show *Brick* discusses the loss of MTV. The protest was part of the second production, which came out after TCI decided to bring back MTV. *photo by Jennifer White*



Amy Palmer
John Parenza
Zachary Parsons
Shannon Perkins
Anthony Peterson
Dusty Peterson
Katie Poston



Jacquelyn Prine
Kaitlin Rainwater
Kendra Reames
Matt Reber
Justin Reimann
Martin Reis
Lindsey Rice



GOOD IDEA: SETTING UP TIME FOR BAND PRACTICE

BAD IDEA: SETTING UP TIME FOR BAND PRACTICE AND FORGETTING



John Roarick
Dawn Routson
Lance Routson
Angela Ryan
Jason Schafer
Eric Scheuchi
Jennifer Schlueter

Sara Schnotala
Mary Schwab
Bradley Schwarz
Amanda Sellers
Rodney Serbus
Andy Shanley
Megan Sheeks

Bringing Down the House

**Students discovered
new ways to get
attention for their
talents.**

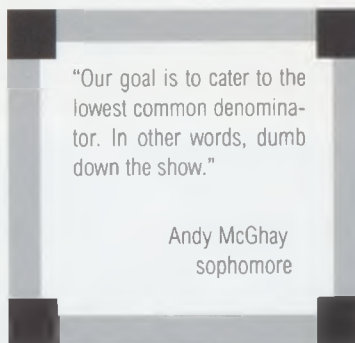
Have you ever imagined having your own TV show as a kid? Simply you and your friends doing wild and crazy things for fun. That is exactly what sophomores Nigel Berndt, Tim Boesenberg, Adam Haug, Andy McGhay and Dusty Peterson did.

"We started *Brick* after we'd seen other cable access shows and it looked like fun," said Berndt. "Adam (Haug) called TCI and got the packets on what to do and what was required."

Brick included special correspondents, interviews and short comedy skits like "Stunt Ranger." The show became an ELP project for Berndt, McGhay and Peterson.

Another dream may have been being in a band. "I want to improve my skills as a bass player, so I help write the lyrics for Project X, since I've only been playing bass for a short time," said sophomore Troy Trobaugh. Other bands included Love Park, the Hip Shakers and Three Minutes.

Dreams didn't provide the only reason for being in a band. "I'm in bands because I have no life," said Haug. "All I wanna do is find people to jam with. I helped with *Brick* because it sounded like fun. I'm involved for a lifetime because once you're in, you never come out." *spread by Jennifer White*



"Our goal is to cater to the lowest common denominator. In other words, dumb down the show."

Andy McGhay
sophomore



Shelly Sheldahl
Cynthia Shumaker
Harold Simpson
Megan Sinnwell
Emily Slattery

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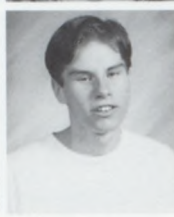
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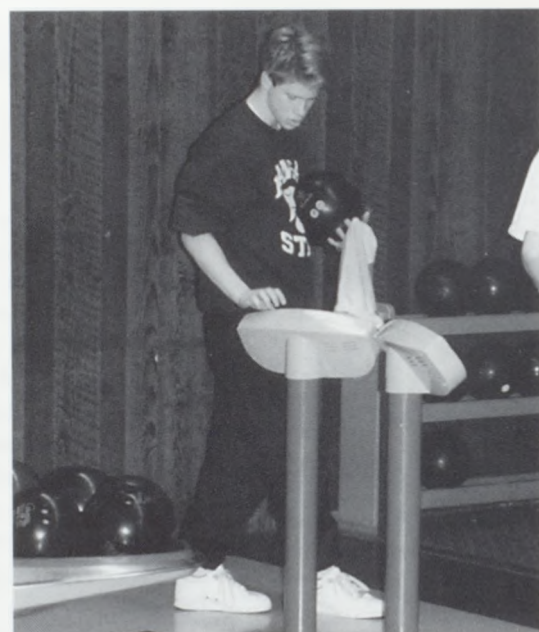
Jeff Sly
Jessica Smeltzer
Nathaniel Smock
Jason Stamps
Amy Stewart
Stephanie Strack
Adam Straw



Katie Stricklin
Josh Tapken
Rebecca Tapken
Eric Thompson
Gregory Thompson
Nick Touch
Troy Trobaugh



After cleaning off
his bowling ball, sophomore
Dennis Dane enters his name
into the computer and
prepares for his first shot.
Bowling was Dane's favorite
sport during intramurals.
photo by Emily Miller



Fighting for the
rebound, sophomores Kevin
Walters, Shane Foster and
Chris Dickey take part in
basketball practice. Walters
also competed in the three-
on-three basketball
tournament for the
intramural program. *photo*
by Emily Miller



Steven Tyrrel
Michelle Vacco
Trisha Vangorp
Nicholas Vangundy
Paul Venter
Chris Wagner
Jess Wagner



Matt Wagner
Tim Walker
Jason Walsh
Kevin Walters
Darin Ware
Natalie Warren
Carter Wasilewski



GOOD IDEA: JOIN INTRAMURAL SPORTS TO HAVE A GOOD TIME

BAD IDEA: JOIN INTRAMURALS EXPECTING TOUGH COMPETITION



Katie Weisz
Andrew Westcott
Andrea Westover
Jennifer White
Dan Whitten
Meghann Wiig
Lindsey Wilde

Kelly Wilges
Chris Williams
Justin Williams
Rosemary Wilson
Kirk Wisecup
Robert Wisniewski
Ben Wissink

Competition

With Less

Intensity

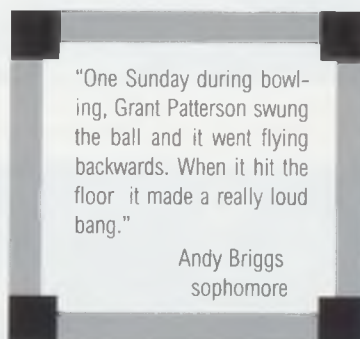
The new intramural program took the rivalry out of sports and gave students a chance to have fun together.

Some sports created cut-throat competition, but the intramural program focused on creating the opposite attitude about the way the games were played.

This was the first year that intramurals were an available option. They were coordinated by Miss Kami Lang and an advisory group of students. Athletic director Gary Ross said, "It's getting started slowly, but the students who have been involved have felt that it is a very positive activity." Four different sports occurred throughout the year. They were softball, basketball, bowling and soccer.

One reason students participated in intramural sports was because it occupied less time and didn't require as much commitment as a regular school sponsored sport. "It sounded like fun and Brent wanted me to be on his team," said sophomore Aaron Wych. "It was a lot more laxed back." Wych competed in the three-on-three basketball tournament along with teammates Brent Loss and Adam Lewis.

Most of the time, sports came with a lot of pressure to perform well, but in the intramural program, having fun was emphasized more than the outcome. *spread by Emily Miller*



Aaron Wych
Nicholas Wylie
Tom Zachary
Justin Zortman



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Showing off

his city, freshman Craig McFarling presents his final presentation to the class. In Mrs. Susan McCravy's developing citizenship class, the students had to create their own city and tell about its business and government.
photo by Kate Vocelka



Working on the

computer, freshman Kate McNerney finishes her yearbook spread for the journalism final in Ms. Leslie Shipp's room. Each semester, journalism students produced a yearbook spread or newspaper page. These projects included pictures and stories which made use of the skills learned in class.
photo by Jennifer White



Steven Adkisson
Ashley Albertson
Kelly Andersen
Ryan Anderson
Travis Anderson
Zarine Anklesaria
Keegan Armstrong



Canyon Atwood
Joe Baird
Joey Bass
Nick Bass
Delvon Battle
Joel Beary
Dennis Bemisdarfer



Ashley Bengard
Nicole Benson
Ryan Bergman
Jessica Berry
Jeremy Billings
Amie Bobst
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Luke Borwick
Jerry Breneman
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Freshmen had to reach back in their memories to recall all they had learned for their first semester finals.

Struggling to remember all they learned, freshmen arrived at school on January 15, 17 and 21 to take their first semester finals.

Some students found their finals easy, but they still felt the stress of the tests. Freshman Amy Young said, "Finals weren't too hard for me, but all of my difficult ones were on one day so that added to the pressure. On that day I had to take physical science, Math I and introduction to business."

Others found the tests difficult even when they were allowed to write information down on a notecard. "My science final

with Mr. Dennis Briggs was hard. We had to learn a lot of stuff and we only had the front and back of one notecard to use," said freshman Adam Graaf.

"Finals were pretty easy, but I think it would be easier if we took all of them in one day instead of spreading them out over three."

Jessica Ogren
freshman

Not everyone had the privilege of using a notecard. Some actually had to remember what they had learned in class. Freshman Ben Wicks said, "They (finals) were easy except for French because I didn't know as much as I thought I did, like the conjugation of avoir and être, which are

two important verbs."

In French or Spanish, science or math, freshmen survived their finals. *spread by Kate Vocolka*



Lindsay Burn
Ryan Burnley
Jeremy Burns
Brian Burpee
Dirk Bushman
Meredith Calhoun
Robert Calland



Cory Campbell
Brett Carlson
Michelle Cattoor
Ted Christakos
Andrew Clark
Sarah Coleman
Michelle Collignon



Lindsey Conway
Mitch Dallas
Joe Darr
Carrie Davis
Greta Davis
Lisa Doudna
Hallie Durnavich

GOOD IDEA: STUDYING THE NIGHT BEFORE THE TEST

BAD IDEA: STUDYING THE NIGHT AFTER THE TEST

Trusting a Stella's

waitress, freshman Chelsea Hughes has her shake poured on her head as junior Lanie Smith watches. All of the freshmen on the swimming team were forced to dress in obnoxious clothing and go various places for initiation. *photo by Chris Timmerman*



Playing along

with the serenading cow, freshman English teacher Leslie Shipp celebrates her 32nd birthday. The newspaper staff hired the singing telegram from Mary's Up, Up and Away services as a surprise gift for Ms. Shipp. *photo by Anne Sciorrotta*



Ryan Eaton
Kim Elsham
Mike Ervin
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Aman-Deep Ghuman
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Lindsey Griggs
Amelia Groetsch
Joshua Haag
Anna Hall
John Hannan



GOOD IDEA: KEEPING YOUR EMBARRASSING MOMENT A SECRET

BAD IDEA: TELLING IT TO THE YEARBOOK STAFF

Stories

Best Left

Untold

The memories of embarrassment were often avoided and left to be forgotten.

They came at the most unexpected moments and the worst possible places. Embarrassing moments were unavoidable.

Many memories were recalled from from students' younger days. "When I went skiing with Mr. Donahue in seventh grade, I was going off one of the jumps with a lot of trees around. Unfortunately, on the way down, I landed with one right between my legs," said freshman Miles Kirkpatrick.

Freshman Cody Lowman also looked into his past. "I had one of my first weigh-ins for wrestling in the morning. I

didn't know better, so I put on my jock strap and went. My cousin could tell I had it on and made fun of me. Now everyone in my family calls me Jacques Coustrap."

"I was walking upstairs to my next class and I accidentally tripped up the steps. When I fell, my bag went over my head and someone had to help me up!"

Erin Samson
freshman

Other moments came as a surprise to many. "When I was tee peeing Evan Noble's house, we saw a cop coming and ran behind Brian Wattier's house. I had to go to the bathroom, so I did. Brian still doesn't know that I did that," said freshman Allison Bunce.

Many students found themselves blushing over their stories. Although embarrassed at the time, most will admit how funny they actually were. *spread by Tammy Jo Walz*



Erin Hansen
Jonathan Hardy
Amy Harnack
Keen Harvey
Curtis Hasty
Patti Hefner
Andrea Helin



Blake Helland
Matt Herrmann
Libby Hietbrink
Logan Hollobaugh
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Freshmen

Facing

Firsts

The freshmen experienced new challenges as they entered into a whole new world.

The freshmen entered an unfamiliar place with all new experiences. New things, such as driving permits, a new environment and taking harder classes were some of the adventures the freshmen went through during their first year of high school.

The unknown surroundings were an adjustment to many of the freshmen. "It's a lot different in high school," said freshman Emily Jamison. "The high school is a lot bigger and you go from being the oldest in the school to being the youngest."

Freshman Jaime McMillen said she also saw the changes. She said, "The halls are a

lot more crowded than they were in middle school."

Not only did the freshmen have to adjust to the altered scenery, but some also had to deal with taking more difficult classes. Both freshmen Emily Sloan and Jacob Strohman agreed that freshmen science and French classes were a lot tougher in high school than any classes they took in middle school.

During their first of many years at the high school, the class of 2000 adapted to many fresh beginnings and experienced several freshmen firsts.
story by Kristin Sorrells



"I finally got my driver's permit this year and I get to drive to school now, but I still have to drive with my mother."

John Fiala
freshman

Marcus Iwig
Joel Jacobs
Brady Jacobsen
Emily Jamison
Angela Jennings
Andrea Jess
Kristi Johnson

David Jones
Shelley Jones
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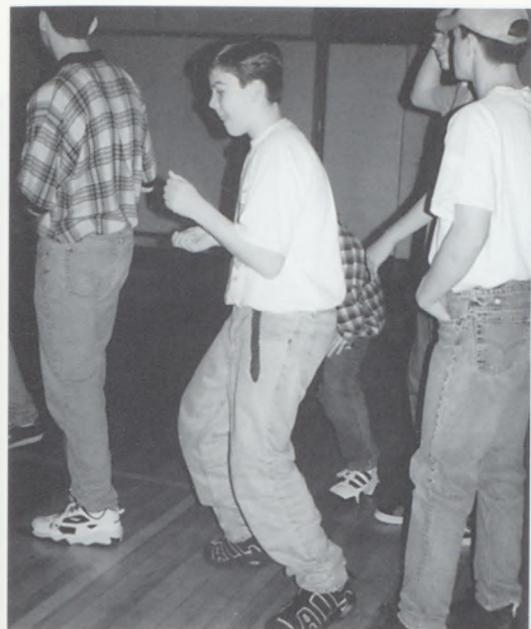
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Grooving to the

music of D.J. Rick Barney, freshman Chris Lanpher attends a dance after a basketball game. Going to after game dances sponsored by organizations such as Student Council and SAIL was another freshman first.

photo by Kristin Sorrells



Riding in the

homecoming parade, freshmen Ashley Bengard and Nathan Kirkpatrick experience their first year as homecoming attendants. The homecoming activities were all new events for the freshmen. *photo by Anne Sciorrotta*



Stephen Maixner
Grant Mandsager
Andrea Marchant
Austin Mark
Danielle Markel
Seth Mars
Tasha Mart



J.D. Marvin
Mike McCown
Craig McFarling
Michael McLaughlin
Shannon McLaughlin
Jaime McMillen
Kate McNerney



Clint Meek
Ryan Mentele
Kyle Mertz
Melissa Miller
Jovey Molayal
Micaeloh Morrill
Mary Mullenix

GOOD IDEA: SHOWING RESPECT TO SENIORS

BAD IDEA: GETTING A SWIRLIE FROM THE SENIOR FOOTBALL PLAYERS

Dozing off in

study hall, freshman Tia Krultz takes a break from her schoolwork. Getting enough sleep was often difficult for students because of homework and the many activities they were involved in. *photo by Jen Goode*



Dribbling past

his opponent, freshman Jeff Robertson drives to the basket.

Many students had superstitions about athletics and their pre-game routines. "I try and do the same stuff before every game," said Robertson. *photo by Emily Miller*



Kristy Musselman
Damon Myers
Christopher Nigon
Evan Noble
Megan Nyberg
Stephanie Nyberg
Jessica Ogren



Jason Olson
Ryan Olson
Abbie Onken
Chad Orr
Alysha Orris
Andy Paine
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Jenna Peitzman
Anne Peterman
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Steph Peterson
Steph Phillips
Chris Piper
Michael Porter
Sammi Power
Michael Raes
Christy Rains



GOOD IDEA: DREAMING ABOUT YOUR LOVER

BAD IDEA: DREAMING ABOUT YOUR MOM

Fantasy and Fortune

Dreams and superstitions altered students' actions and gave insights to their everyday life.

When students came home and turned in for the night, thoughts began to flood their minds the minute they hit the pillow. Dreams of every caliber occurred each night, but some stood out more than others.

"I always have this dream that marshmallow people are coming to Earth and are trying to take us over," said freshman Allison Bunce. "We try to get away from them by using the tags from the inside of baseball caps to make ourselves invisible."

Reoccurring dreams were not uncommon. Some students believed they were more than just silly stories and gave in-

sights into their lives. "I wouldn't say I live my life by what I dream, but I definitely think dreams mean something," said freshman Ross Barney. "Especially when they happen more than once."

Although students didn't let dreams control their daily routines, superstitions played a minor role in their actions. "I do lots of things for good luck," said freshman Heather Schmit. "I make a wish when it's 11:11, and when my necklace clasp slips in front, I kiss it and make a wish."

Even though dreams and superstitions have changed from the childhood visions of monsters under the bed and not stepping on a crack or you'll break your mother's back, they still affected students outlook on life. *spread by Jen Goode*

"I haven't chewed gum in a basketball game since second grade, because that was the only game we lost and I thought it was bad luck."

Kyle Mertz
freshman



Genevieve Ramsay
Andrea Ranker
Sandeep Rao
Jessi Reece
Jacob Reichling
Laura Remer
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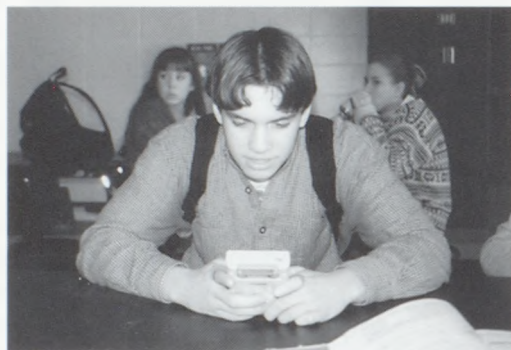
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GOOD IDEA: NOT WASHING YOUR LUCKY SOCKS

BAD IDEA: NOT WASHING YOUR LUCKY JOCK

Taking a break

from his studies, freshman Damon Myers plays Donkey Kong on his Gameboy during study hall. Video games were just one of the hobbies among students that offered a break from studying. *photo by Wes Nyberg*



Checking the

price tag, freshman Megan Nyberg shops for a Winter Formal dress. Shopping was a hobby that Nyberg enjoyed with her friends and sister. "My favorite place to shop is Valley West Mall," said Nyberg. *photo by Ed McAtee*



Nicholas Scherer
Heather Schmidt
Stacie Schroeder
Amy Schuster
Angela Schuster
Dustin Sherrod
Suzann Shroyer



Joel Siedenburg
Dustin Simmerman
Matthew Skeens
Emily Sloan
Alyssa Smith
Angela Smith
Katie Sorak



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Quinn Sypniewski



Nikki Thies
Misti Thoren
Adam Tillman
Jacque Timmons
Angela Tomars
Kelby Tovar
Joseph Townsend



GOOD IDEA: USING SUPER GLUE TO CONSTRUCT MODELS

BAD IDEA: GETTING FINGERS STUCK TO MODEL WITH GLUE

Relieving Everyday Pressures

Students took time out from school to enjoy favorite pastimes from athletics to watching TV

Through the school year students faced many challenges, and with these they had to find a way to relax. "I love to read in my free time," said freshman Jaime McMillen. "I like to read because it relaxes me and helps me to get away from the school pressures."

Along with releasing pressure, hobbies were also used for physical fitness. "I play hockey because it gives me a rush of adrenaline to go out on the ice and kick some butt," said freshman Ryan Gannon.

Hobbies didn't have to be physical. Hobbies could have been things like watching TV. "I find that watching TV is fun for

me. It gives me a chance to sit down and watch weird-looking aliens on the X-files," said freshman Jovey Molayal.

Another benefit that came from hobbies was receiving rewards. Some students liked to babysit to help earn extra cash. "Babysitting is fun for me because I love kids. It's nice to get some spending money for things like going out with my friends and shopping," said freshman Emily Jamison.

No matter what hobbies people chose, all of them helped students get away from the tensions of school and relax. *spread by Wesley Nyberg*

"One day I was riding my bike and hit a curb; I flipped over and landed right on my feet. At that time I was thankful I took gymnastics as a hobby."

Bobby Green
freshman



Yvonne Trenter
Denise Turner
Sarah Tuttle
Adam Twedt
Chris Uchtyl
Jeremy VanOort
Scott Vermulm

Anne Waller
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Before taking

down the Geometree, Mrs. Kay Van Farowe shows off its hand-made ornaments. "The Geometree is a tradition that I use in class so that students have something to look forward to and so they have a bookmark for their memories of school."

Reminiscing about

past labs, Mr. Mike Halder demonstrates how senior Dan Sundblad poured chemicals into test tubes. Halder included stories about the seniors he had in class in his "Challenges" speech during Senior Breakfast. Halder was chosen to speak after resigning to work in the pharmaceutical field. *photo by Anne Sciorrotta*



Troy Alexander
Susan Aker
Tamara Andrews
Jeannette Babcock
Pam Barnes
Denise Book
Dennis Briggs
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Jim Casey
Phyllis Caswell
Sue Cline
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Susan McCravy
Marilyn Middleton
Mary Moermond
Maurine Morris
Mark Muehlenthaler
Kelly Neiber



GOOD IDEA: MIXING CHEMICALS IN A CHEMISTRY LAB

BAD IDEA: MIXING CHEMICALS IN A FOODS LAB

Survival Of the Fittest

From natural disasters to buildings falling apart, teachers have endured the dilemmas of school.

Every year students changed, classes changed and even the building itself changed. Teachers were the one factor that stayed constant, and being so, they have encountered many mishaps.

Some teachers survived the move from the old high school to this one. Mrs. Joyce Rash has taught foreign language for 26 years. She said, "I remember when the tornado hit the old high school," said Rash. "The tornado caused a chimney to fall in one of the rooms and there was broken glass all over the floor. The students didn't have to come to school that day, but the teachers had to go and help

pick up the glass and bricks."

After 21 years of teaching Home Economics, Mrs. Molly Lauen decided to retire. Some incidents in the Foods lab will stay in her memory forever. "I think it was three years ago when the roof leaked in one of the kitchens," said Lauen, "Water was all over the counter and on the floor. We put a tarp across the ceiling to stop the dripping, and then we felt like we were camping."

With leaks in the ceiling to classrooms without heat, teachers took on every obstacle in their way during their teaching career. *spread by Anne Sciorrotta*

"Once a girl was sick of all the smoking in the bathroom. When she saw two girls in there with cigarettes, she grabbed a fire extinguisher from the hall and sprayed them both."

Mr. Dennis Briggs
faculty



Craig Oldham
Jessica Paff
Cindy Partington
Martha Pierce
Chris Paulson
Cheryl Pitts
Denise Reif
Gary Ross
Sue Runyan
Kathleen Schweizer
Iris Scott
Evie Sewell
Peggy Siefert
Steve Smith
Kaye Smock
Glenna Stamps
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Preparing for the

part of the Bear in the play "Thingit", junior Tonya Pierce assists with junior Tonya Riley's mask. Students studied myths from around the world. The Myths and Legends classes studied a variety of creation myths and was taken by many juniors and seniors. *photo by Alycia Comer*



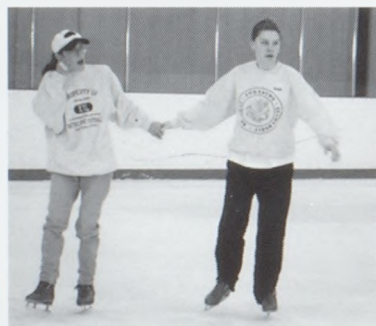
Reviewing his

recipe, junior Troy Hansen checks one of his measurements. The foods classes cooked a couple times a week making things from Stirfry to scrambled eggs. In Foods II the students spent several weeks cooking things from many different cultures. *photo by Ed McAttee*



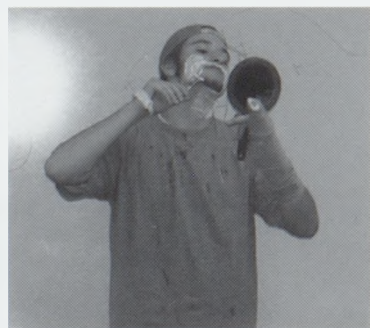
Senior Melissa

Layman and junior Missy Knowles skate around the Metro Sports Ice Arena during the P.E. class field trip. After skating in the morning the students also went to Sleepy Hollow and spent the rest of the day tubing down the slopes with their classmates. *photo by Anne Sciorrotta*



Presenting a

speech on how to shave, sophomore John Heth gives his demonstrative speech in speech class. Students also gave personal experience and informative speeches. Speech class was required for all sophomores to take for one of their english credits. *photo by Alyssa Friedow*



Pass/Fail

Students skipped/attended the field trips taken to Sleepy

Hollow and the Metro Ice Arena for the P.E. classes (pg. 50-51)•

Upperclassmen taking science courses were required to wear

goggles/glasses for science labs as protective eye wear

(pg. 52-53)•AP students got a 1/5 on the AP tests taken for

extra college credit (54-55)•Students began projects the

night /two weeks before they were to be turned in (56-57)•

Seniors took an elective class for an easy A/a challenge

during their last year of high school (58-59)•Students studied

French/Spanish to expand their knowledge on foreign

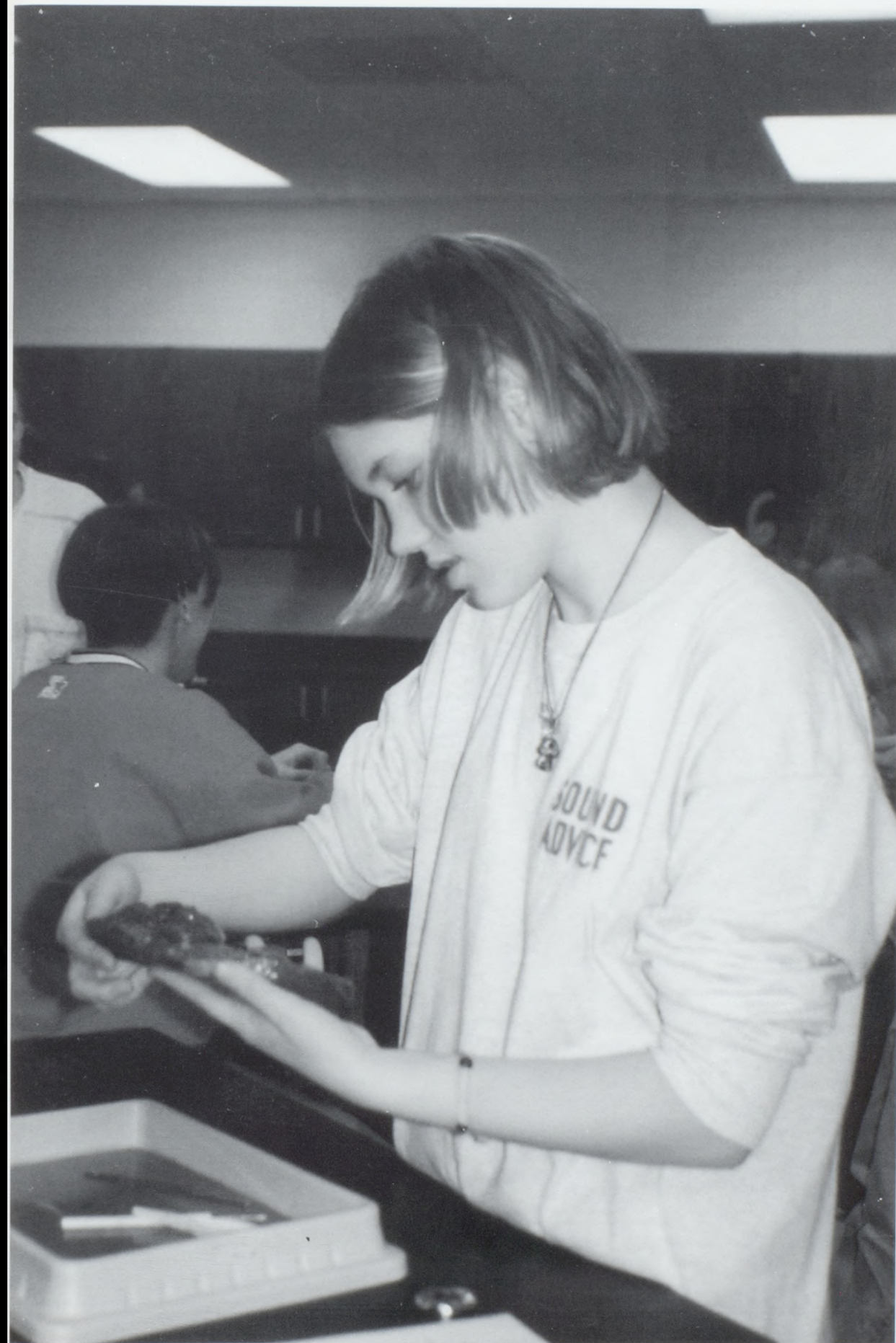
countries and cultures (60-61)•Tests were being taken over

human/cat muscles in the different biology classes (62-63)•

spread by Kristin Sorrells

Examining the

heart of a lamb, sophomore Cassie Christensen learns the different parts of a heart. The biology class also studied the muscles of a chicken wing and the structure of a frog and pig. Second semester the students studied different systems of the body such as the skin, the organs and the bones. *photo by Kristin Sorrells*



AS

Along with

STUDENTS

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TRAVEL,

students

THEY

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lessons

TO GRASP

during their

NEW

field trips

CONCEPTS

spread by Ed McAtee

Admiring the

wide variety of books at the Drake University Bookstore, senior Emily Betz and sophomore Andrew McGhay search for something that catches their eyes. The two attended the Drake writer's conference, which allowed students to show off their writing talent or learn new tricks of the trade. *photo by Aditya Mahajan*



Enjoying his meal on

the high seas, sophomore Jaison Molayal chows down. During spring break, Innovation went on a four day cruise throughout the Caribbean. The group stopped at such places as the Florida Keys and Cozumel, Mexico, where several members had their hair braided.

photo by Wesley Nyberg

Admiring a heli-

copter during his industrial technology class, freshman Adam Walz examines the outer plating of the military aircraft. On April 17, many students from Mr. Young's classes went outside and viewed the helicopter. The students studied the controls as well as the outer covering of the vehicle. *photo by Anne Sciorrotta*



GOOD IDEA: GOING ON A FIELD TRIP TO DISNEYLAND

BAD IDEA: GOING ON A FIELD TRIP TO EURO-DISNEY

Smoothly skating along, sophomore Tanika

Dixon glides on the ice during her P.E. field trip. During the skating portion of their field trip at the Metro Ice Sports Facility, students played such games as "cracking the whip" as well as just leisurely skating around the rink. photo by Michelle Norton



POP QUIZ

Physical Education

1. For warm-ups, students run _____ minutes.
2. T or F. You get two points for every goal kicked in soccer.
3. How many push-ups does one have to do during warm-ups?

Math

1. What is the square root of 144?
2. What word is used for determining the order of operations in a math problem?
3. In the formula $y=mx+b$, what does the "b" stand for?

Sociology

1. T or F. Being a sister is an ascribed role.
2. What is "Whistler's Culture Outline"?
3. Are people the way they are because of nature or nurture?

Answers:

Physical Education 1. Three 2. False 3. 10

Math 1. 12 2. PEMDAS 3. Y-intercept

Sociology 1. True 2. A chart for cultures. 3. Both

"I liked reading the book better because the book is the original story, while the play strayed from the original text."



Justin Douglas,
sophomore

"Did you like the play
To Kill a Mockingbird?"



Samantha Arndt,
sophomore

"I saw the play before I read the book. Whatever I didn't understand in the book, I just made a reference back to the play and it helped me recognize what I was reading."



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took pictures,

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baked cakes

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or mixed

HANDS

complex chemicals,

ON

labs helped them learn

EXPERIENCE

spread by Ed McAtee

Making sure she

has enough, senior Penny Nichols pours fixer into a cup with her film in it. Fixer was the second to last stage in film developing. Students would take their own pictures and develop them in the darkroom. Then they would choose a group of pictures for a series that told a story. In order for the students to get a good grade, the stories would have to effectively communicate a beginning, middle and an ending. *photo by Cheryl Larson*



Looking for ideas for

her journalism final, freshman Lisa Doudna studies yearbooks from the past. For their final, students in journalism were required to select either a newspaper or a yearbook theme they designed. They also wrote all their own stories on a spread they created. *photo by Ed McAtee*

Cutting up a

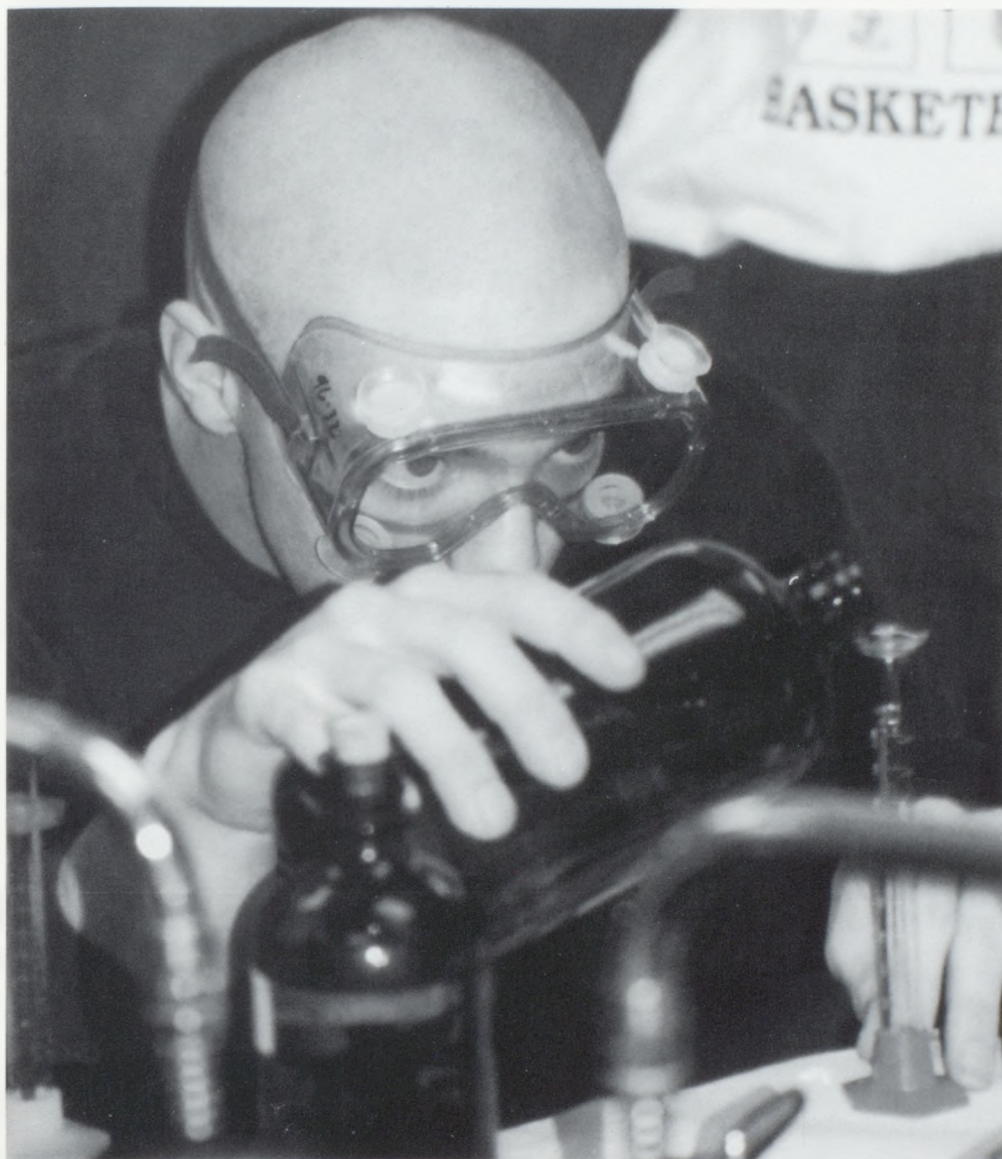
green pepper, freshman Laura Remer prepares fresh vegetables for her classmates. "I cut up the vegetables while my other group members made the dip," said Remer. Through foods classes, students got to make various dishes ranging from monkey bread to pizza. *photo by Ed McAtee*



GOOD IDEA: HEATING A BEAKER WITH A BUNSEN BURNER.

BAD IDEA: PUTTING A BUNSEN BURNER ON YOUR TEACHER'S CHAIR.

Carefully measuring acetic acid, junior
Joe Hockett makes sure he doesn't spill any on the table. Hockett was forming esters from acid and an alcohol. The reaction formed water along with a fruity smell from the beaker. Students needed to be careful to get just the right amount of chemicals in their beakers, or else they would come out with inaccurate results. *photo by Anne Sciorrotta*



POP QUIZ

Chemistry

1. What do you always wear when doing a lab?
2. What is the formula for sodium chloride?
3. If an atom loses electrons, it is ____.

Photo Art

1. What mode should you put the camera into when it is not in use?
2. What is the second liquid you put film in when developing it?
3. What do you use to make photos have more contrast?

Foods

1. How many teaspoons are in a tablespoon?
2. What temperature should you bake muffins at?
3. What is a good replacement for oil in cookies?

Answers:

Chemistry 1. goggles 2. NaCl 3. positive

Photo Art 1. lock 2. stop 3. filters

Foods 1. three 2. 350 3. applesauce

"One time, our class was burning metals in the flame that made it turn red. When I ran my hand through, it burned the metal into my hand."



Steve Roth,
junior

What's a
funny thing
that hap-
pened in a
lab?



Seth Elliott,
junior

"While we were making the recipe, Reggie Burke (junior) threw a piece of dough at me and I threw some back and it hit Laura Remer (freshman)."



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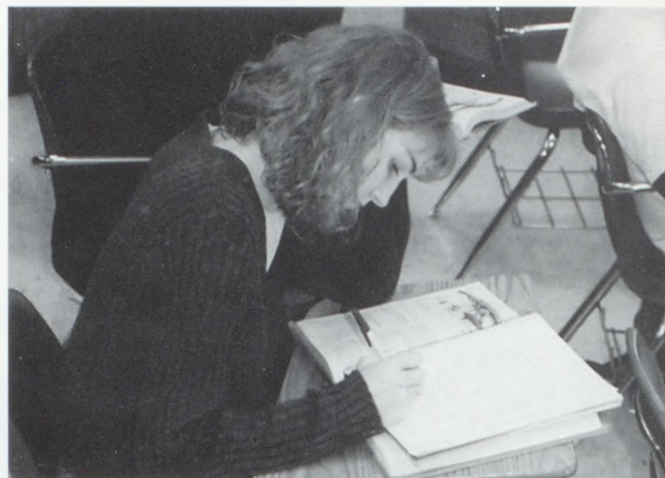
COLLEGE

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Sitting quietly at

her desk, senior Angie Hefner takes notes in her advanced biology class. Students in advanced biology learned how to calculate the body size, surface area and volume of mammals. *photo*

by Emily Miller



Frantically searching

for a current event, junior Krista Larson reads the "Around Town" section of the Des Moines Register.

Mr. Jerry Kinder randomly drew students names out of a bag daily to present their current events.

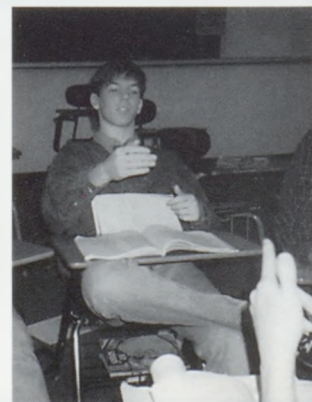
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As Mrs. Joyce

Rash asks the class what el pomelo means, senior Justin Ehm gives the answer, grapefruit. During AP

Spanish, the class reviewed vocabulary that would appear on the AP exam.

photo by Emily Miller

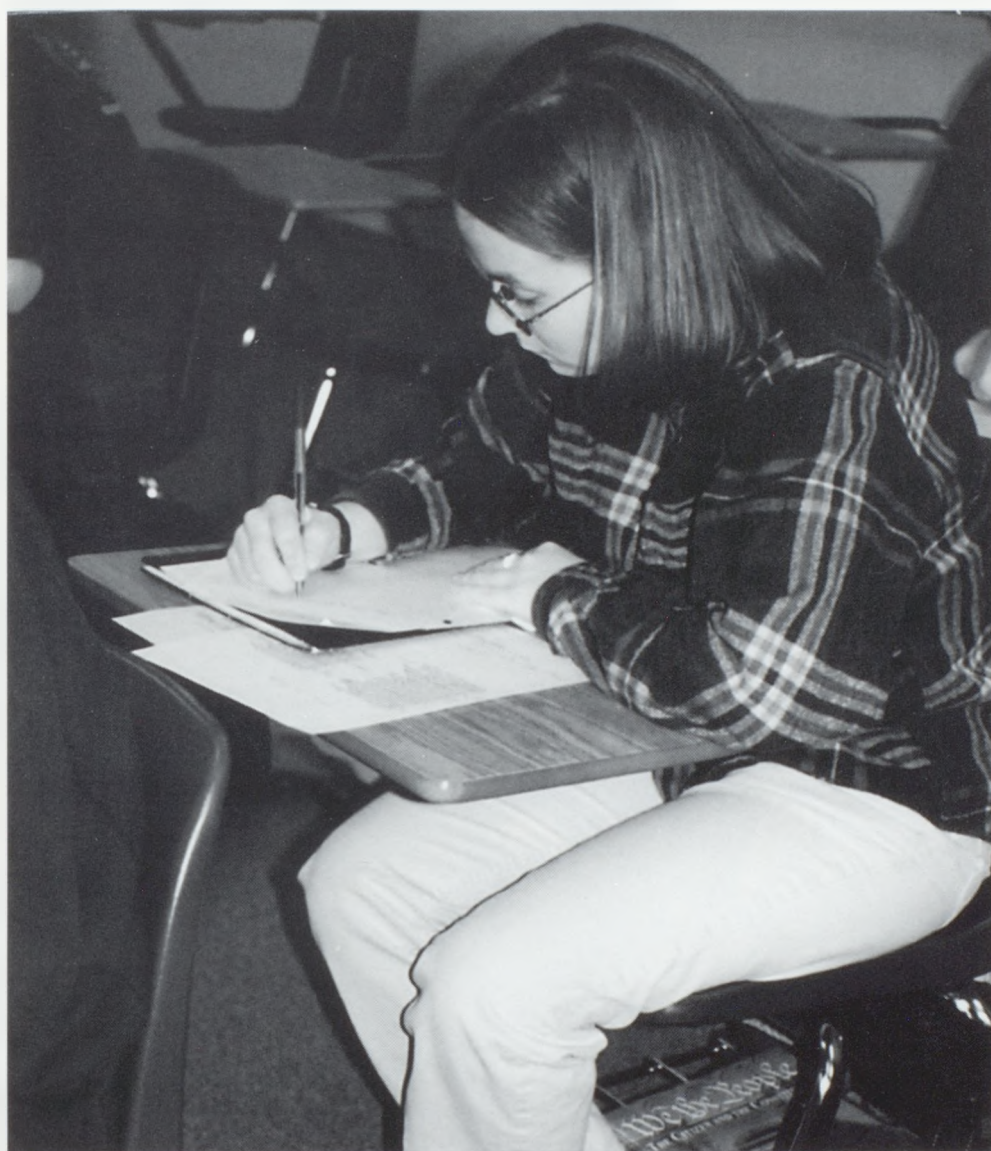


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Describing what she thinks are the key
words to the autobiographical poem *The Prelude*, senior Alicia Frasier
finishes her test. AP English students learned how authors used
figurative language and diction to emphasize the ideas behind their
poems. *photo by Emily Miller*



POP QUIZ

AP U.S. History

1. Who was the first president of the U.S.A.?
2. What was the first founded colony?
3. The first shots of the _____ War were fired at Fort Sumter

Advanced Biology

1. The internal framework of the human body is called the _____.
2. The way of life of a species is called a _____.
3. A cancer causing gene is an _____.

AP English

1. How did Old King Hamlet die?
2. Two successive rhyming lines in a poem are called a _____.
3. Who is Pip in love with in the novel *Great Expectations*?

Answers:

History 1. Washington 2. Virginia 3. Civil

Biology 1. skeleton 2. niche 3. oncogene

English 1. poison 2. couplet 3. Estella

"If you pass the AP exam at the end of the course, you are exempt from taking that class as a freshman in college. It also shows colleges your abilities."



Aditja Mahajan,
junior

What is the
advantage of
taking an
AP course ?



Emily Betz,
senior

"It solidifies your education and allows you to concentrate your skills in that area. Your concentration in that area, helps narrow your college plans."

GOOD IDEA: GOING TO FRANCE WITH YOUR AP FRENCH CLASS

BAD IDEA: GOING TO SPAIN WITH YOUR AP FRENCH CLASS

PROJECTS

Teachers

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MANY

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DIFFERENT

to escape

OPTIONS

textbooks by

FOR

assigning

ALTERNATIVE

projects

LEARNING

spread by Alycia Comer

During Foods, freshman Kelly Andersen looks through a cookbook for a recipe. Not only did Andersen use the cookbook for recipes that were assigned, but she also got to bring ingredients from home and make her own dish in a free lab. *photo by Ed McAtee*



Getting their hands sticky, freshmen Besty Sanders and Andee Jo Houle cut oranges to make bones and joints. Biology students got to create bones and joints out of clay, oranges or marshmallows. *photo by Michelle Norton*

Showing how to make a peanut butter sandwich, sophomore Samantha Arndt spreads the jelly. Students had to do a process speech and demonstrate to their fellow classmates how to do the subject of their choice. *photo by Alyssa Friedow*

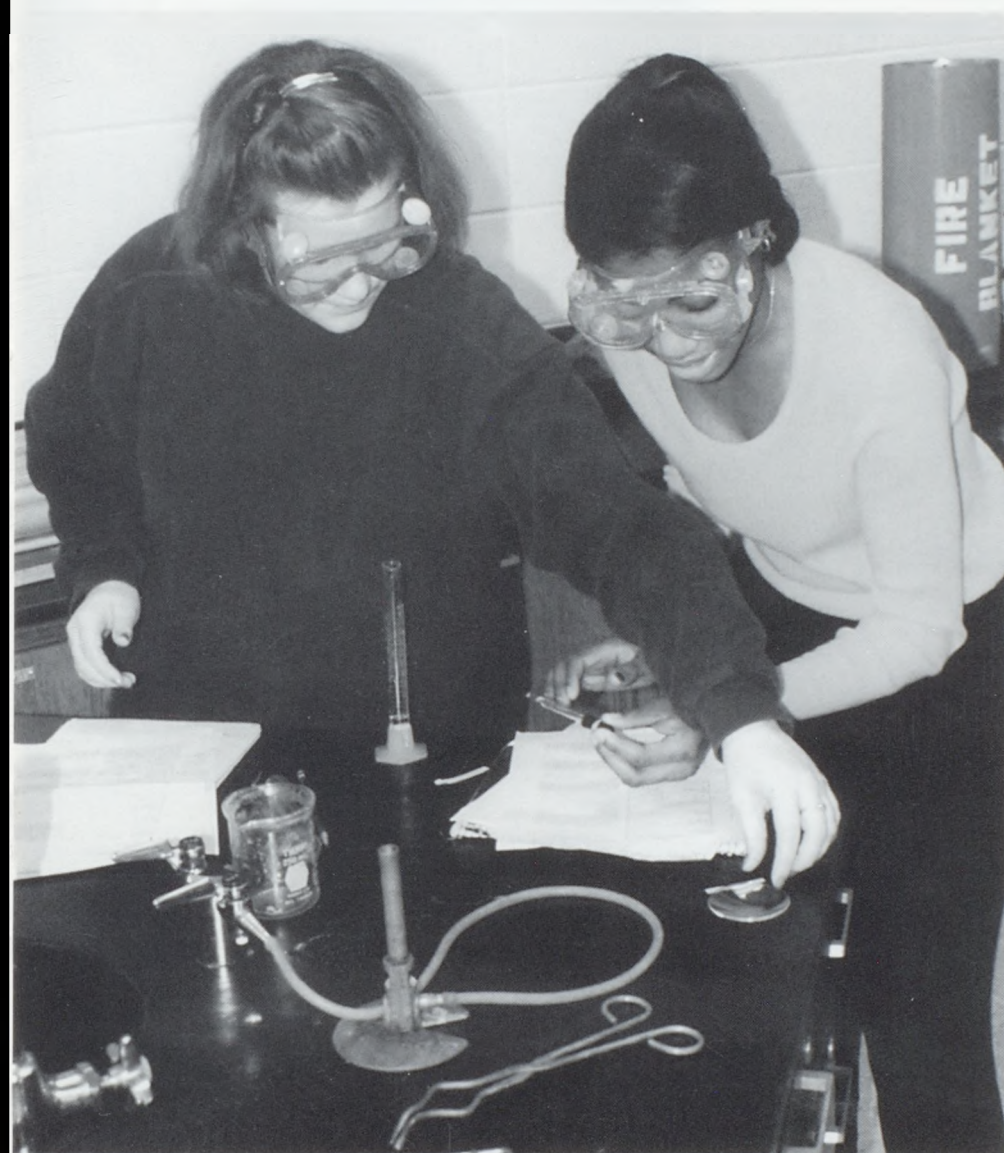


GOOD IDEA: **HAVING YOUR PROJECT DONE ON TIME**

BAD IDEA: **STARTING YOUR PROJECT THE NIGHT BEFORE**

Juniors Krista Larson and Chrystal Martin

try to see what colors chemicals would turn litmus paper. Chemistry students got to use different types of chemicals to experiment with many of the subjects they were studying. *photo by Ed McAtee*



POP QUIZ

Freshman English

1. Who was the author of *A Tale of Two Cities*?
2. What machine was used to behead people in France?
3. An autobiography is about the ____.

World Studies

1. How many course questions could you choose from?
2. For final project, how many pages needed to be written?
3. How long was the book for final project?

Math

1. What math concepts were used during the water fountain projects?
2. ____ triangles were used to make the triangle tree.
3. A ____ was used for the park project.

Answers:

English 1. Dickens 2. guillotine 3. author

World Studies 1. 10 2. 6 3. 200 pages

Math 1. parabolas 2. 1,024 3. diagram

"My favorite project was making a children's pop-up book for our physics final. It was more fun than taking a test and good hands-on learning."



Morgan Cavanaugh,
senior

What was the favorite project you worked on?



Shane Kinsey,
senior

"My favorite project would have to be the poker table I made for carpentry class. I like this project because I like to build things."

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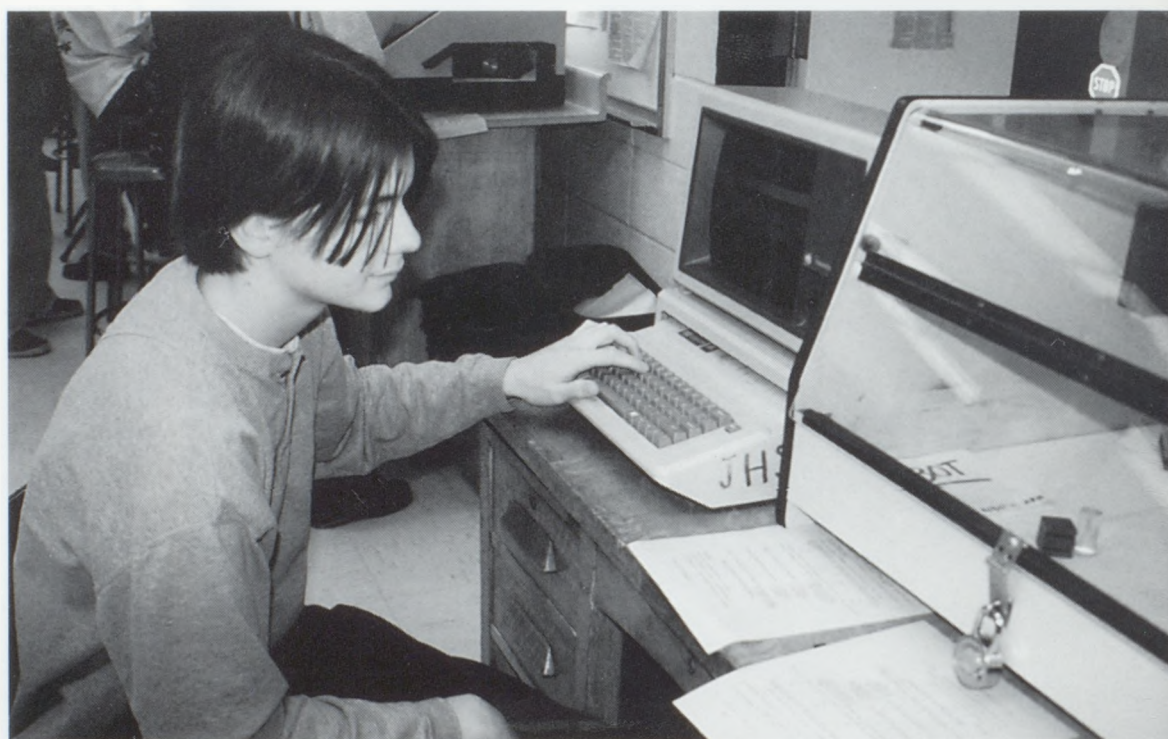
OPTIONS

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Spell checking one

of his word processing assignments, sophomore Nate Hamilton finishes his work. In advanced computer applications, students worked with new software such as Claris Works and programs that dealt with CD-ROMs.

photo by Cheryl Larson



During second period

architectural drafting, sophomore Marty Reis programs his computer to design a specific floor plan.

Drafting students created and drafted projects that they designed themselves. *photo by Cheryl Larson*

Gently cupping

the sides, freshman Emily Sloan works with her clay before school starts. Sloan and other students were able to create and sculpt self-designed projects such as bowls and sculptures. *photo by Cheryl Larson*



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Sophomore Kelly Wilges studies her French

while holding her electronic baby. Child development students were graded on how well they parented for a week. The babies were new to the class experiment and replaced the old flour/sugar babies. photo by Cheryl Larson



POP QUIZ

Technology

1. Advanced computer applications designed _____ boxes.
2. Multi-media students prepared a presentation for _____.
3. T/F College/Bussiness Keyboarding used typewriters.

Industrial Art/Tech

1. T/F Drafting involved drawing objects and their dimensions.
2. What was built outside for industrial classes?
3. Students in industrial art classes wore _____ to protect their eyes.

Art

1. What did students fundraise for?
2. Who was a new addition to the art department?
3. What did art students sell to fundraise?

Answers:

Tech. 1. cereal 2. the school board 3. T

Ind. Art/Tech 1. T 2. storage unit 3. goggles

Art 1. revolving door 2. Mrs. Sogge 3. candy

"I would probably have to say selling candy. We really needed certain things and we decided to take matters into our own hands and fundraise."



Jessica Dawson, senior

What was the most memorable experience in elective classes?



Cindy Shumaker, sophomore

"I had to do a moving slide show for advanced computer applications, and on it was a picture that was taken with a special digital camera."

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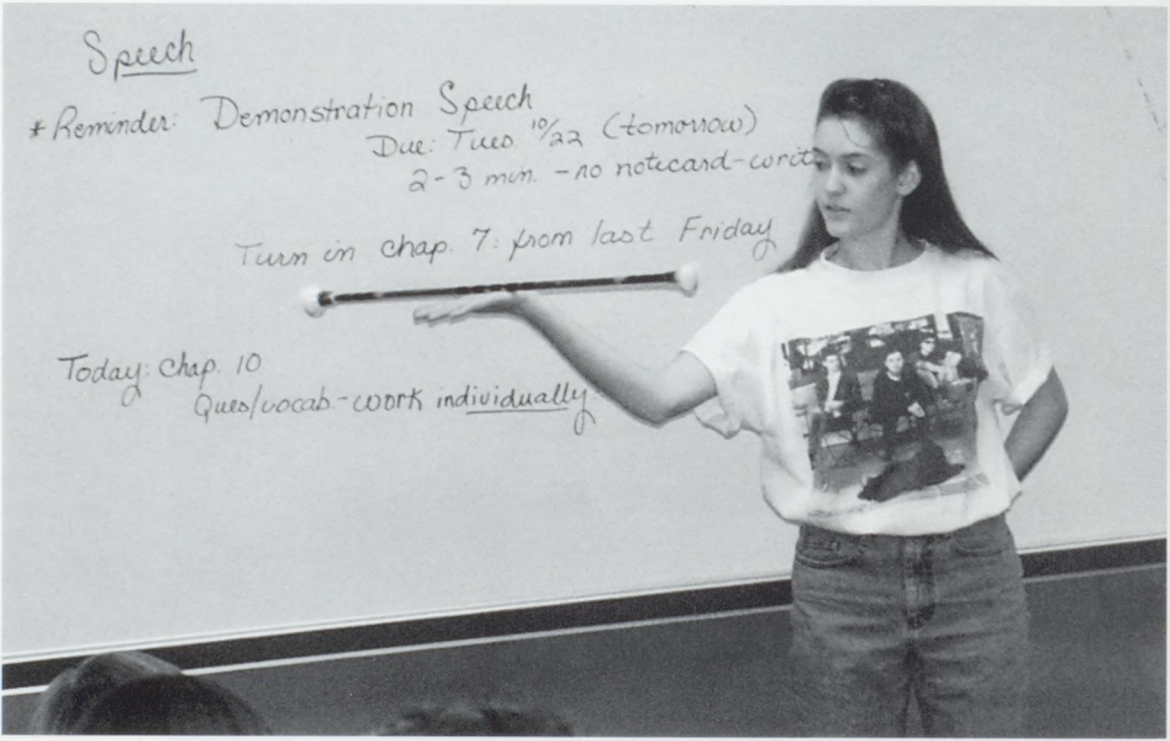
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Receiving help

from Mrs. Pam Barnes, freshman Ryan Burnley shows her his presentation notes. In Spanish II, she often demonstrated how to pronounce words correctly. "Speaking orally helps us get accustomed to the language and become fluent," Burnley said. *photo by Alyssa Friedow*

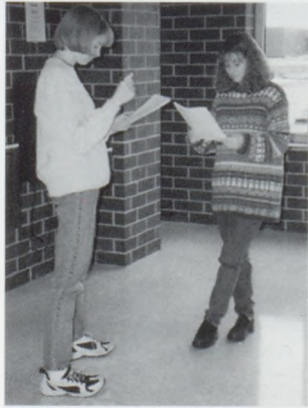


Showing the many

positions to hold a baton, sophomore Alyssa Andrews gives a demonstrative speech to her speech class. They worked on three main types of speeches: informative, persuasive and entertaining. *photo by Alyssa Friedow*

Reviewing their

lines, freshmen Nikki Thies and Sarah Tuttle practice their Spanish II skit before presenting it to their class. "Performing in front of the class helps us practice our accents and learn as we talk through it with other people," said Thies. *photo by Alyssa Friedow*



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Giving her daily oral points, senior Emily

Betz talks to Mrs. Mary Moermond about her plans for the upcoming weekend in French. Speaking at least five sentences each week was a requirement for AP French. Verbal speaking was required in all French classes, but the amounts of speaking differed depending on the level of study. *photo by Alyssa Friedow*



POP QUIZ

Speech

1. Research papers need ____ sources of information.
2. What do you never say while giving a speech?
3. What kind of a speech is an advertisement?

Spanish

1. How do you say hello in Spanish?
2. What is flan?
3. What is the capital of Spain?

French

1. What is an escargot?
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "today"?
3. How do you say good-bye?

Answers:

Speech 1. two 2. um 3. persuasive

Spanish 1. hola 2. custard 3. Madrid

French 1. snail 2. aujourd'hui 3. au revoir

"I prefer impromptu speeches because I'm pretty good at thinking on my feet and organizing my thoughts quickly in my head."



Jarod Carl,
sophomore

Do you
prefer
impromptu
or prepared
speeches?



Cassie Christensen,
sophomore

"I like prepared speeches because you have more time to think about what you want to say. It also teaches you how to organize your thoughts."

GOOD IDEA: TRAVELING TO SPAIN TO STUDY SPANISH

BAD IDEA: GOING TO ARGENTINA TO STUDY FRENCH

MEMORIZING,

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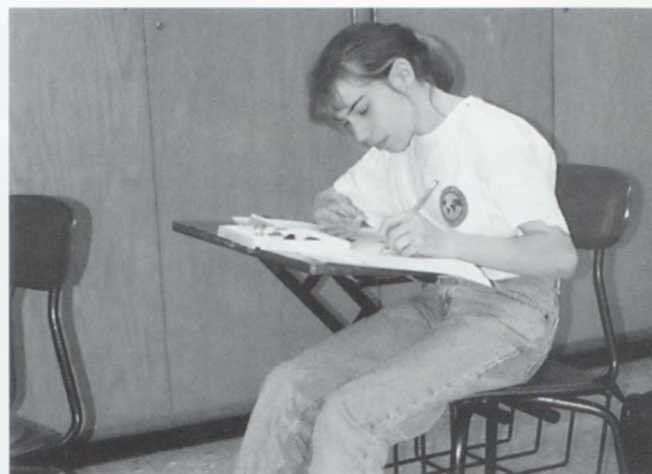
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TESTS

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Examining a
sample of the mineral
bauxite at her desk,
freshman Chelsey Larson
records her answer during
the rock test. Physical
science students learned
about the characteristics and
everyday uses of minerals.
photo by Tim Keck



Probing with their
scalpel, sophomores Jason Schafer
and Mike Desmond examine the
heart of a lamb while preparing
for a test over the circulatory
system. The biology classes
dissected hearts of animals to help
them study the parts of the
human body. *photo by Michelle
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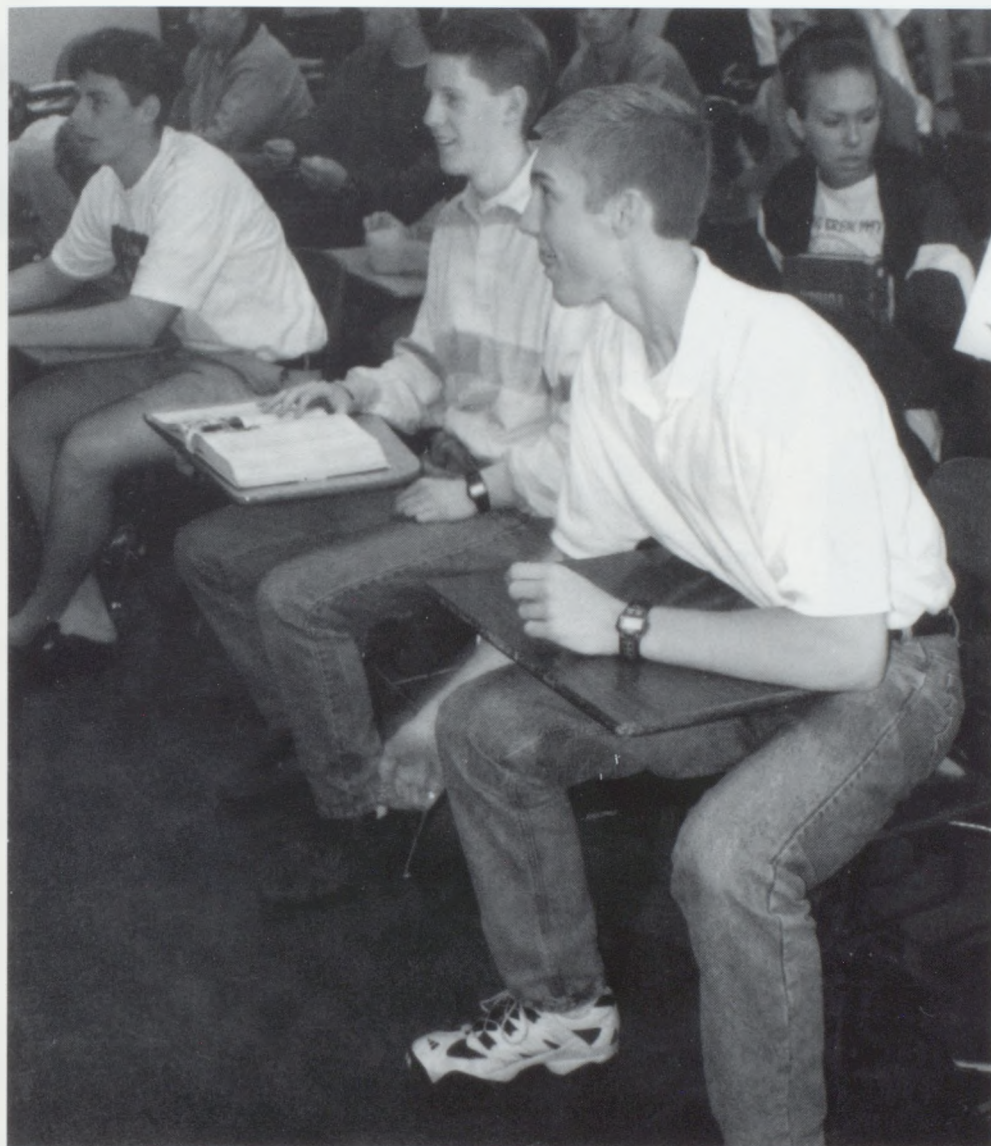
Listening to her
new Aerosmith CD, senior
Emily Brown studies for a
government test over foreign
policy and national defense.
"Listening to Aerosmith helps
me to focus in order to study,"
said Brown. "It's hard to
study when it's quiet." *photo
by Tim Keck*



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Attempting to toss the die against the chalkboard, junior Dan Kuster rolls for a quiz in his U.S. History class. Students rolled a pair of dice, and if the sum of the numbers rolled was greater than eight, the class was exempt from a test over the previous night's reading. photo by Tim Keck



POP QUIZ

Psychology

1. What movie starred Sally Field as a woman with multiple personalities?
2. The fear of heights is called ____.
3. A loss of memory is called ____.

American Lit.

1. During which war did *Johnny Got His Gun* take place?
2. Who did Neil Patrick Harris play in *My Antonia*?
3. Who is Wang Lung's wife in *The Good Earth*?

Myths & Legends

1. What does "Beowulf" mean?
2. How many knights were members of the Round Table?
3. Who did Gilgamesh become friends with after their battle?

Answers:

Psychology 1. *Sybil* 2. Acrophobia 3. Amnesia
American Lit. 1. WWI 2. Jimmy 3. Olan
Myths & Legends 1. Bear 2. 150 3. Enkidu

"The night before a test, I'll study for a while and then that morning I eat a big bowl of Wheaties for luck. I also use a certain Bic pen which helps me focus."



Jacob Reichling,
freshman

What do you do in order to prepare for tests?



Kelli Dennis,
junior

"The night before, I'll read through the chapter and look over my notes. Then I go and pray and ask the Lord to help me through my test."

GOOD IDEA: STUDY FOR FINALS THROUGHOUT THE SEMESTER

BAD IDEA: CRAM FOR EVERY FINAL THE NIGHT BEFORE

Perfecting their

lines during an after school practice, senior Kellie Barney, junior Nicole Chavas and sophomore Becca Tapken take on the roles Anne Frank, Margot Frank and Mrs. Frank. The play was performed only twice due to bad weather. *photo by Jennifer White*



Flashing those

classic Innovation smiles, junior Jodi Peitzman and senior Mike Herrmann dance to "Shout" during the fall concert. Tom Terrien, a choreographer from Indiana, worked with the show choir during a weekend rehearsal session. *photo by Cheryl Larson*



Delivering a

halftime performance, sophomore Jarod Carl plays the baritone and keeps time to "Phantom of the Opera." Marching band performed a three-song tribute to Andrew Lloyd Webber during all home football games to help maintain spirit for a win. *photo by Ed McAtee*



Curtsying at

rehearsal, seniors Heather Patterson and Ben Oviatt bow during the royal court processional. Oviatt played Merton in the Cinderella-like skit and Patterson sang a solo during "I Saw Three Ships." Dinner consisted of ribeye, salads, wassail and plum pudding. *photo by Alyssa Friedow*



Class/Stage

The play "Anne Frank" was performed. It was a

drama/comedy (pp.78-79) ■ Innovation and Sound Advice

scored high/low at the competitions (pp.76-77) ■ The drama

members agreed/disagreed on choosing the one-act plays

(pp. 78-79) ■ Marching band scored ones/threes at competi-

tion (pp. 66-67) ■ Madrigal was a success/failure because

they dropped/didn't drop the boar's head (pp. 74-75) ■ Jazz

band did wonderful/awful at SCIBA (pp. 68-69) ■ All State

songs were easy/hard because of the English/Latin words

(pp. 74-75) ■ Freshman chorus was exciting/boring and had

many/few freshmen (pp. 70-71) ■ Mixed chorus ranked

superior/horrible at state (pp. 72-73) ■ spread by Jennifer

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Committing her-
 self to do her best, junior
 Erin Russom twirls her color
 guard flag. Dress rehearsals
 right before the games
 allowed members to practice
 their routines. They
 performed during all home
 football game halftimes.
 Color guard received new
 flags, after using the others
 for six years, and a new
 instructor, Erica Brinker.
photo by Anne Sciorrotta



D Band succeeds in first year of 4A competition

Defying Odds

"Do it for Elmo" was one of the marching band's inspirational sayings, and any muppet would have been proud of the way they performed. "We used Elmo because we needed a focal point at the top of the bleachers. My Elmo doll was bright and red, so we focused on him," said junior Erin Russom.

Besides performing at home football games, the band attended State Contest and the Loess Hills Festival in Glenwood, IA. The band received a Division I rating at State Contest and won the 4A division at the Loess Hills Festival. The band also received the award for best band of the day.

Music for the band's award winning set was chosen in the spring of last year. Over the summer the band members had five sectional rehearsals. They also had a

one week camp in August to learn or relearn marching fundamentals, as well as the choreography for the set.

Drum majors were chosen in the spring of last year as well. "To be a major, you have an interview with the director, then you direct to a tape of music for her," said senior Monica Kim.

The director chose three drum majors to direct one song each. "I have wanted to be a drum major ever since my freshman year," said senior Jason Schissel. "I was afraid that I was going to have to be a jerk to get the band to do what I wanted them to do, but for the most part the band was cooperative."

Even though this was their first year in class 4A, the band gave the rest of the class reason to fear their wrath for years to come. *spread by Ed McAtee*



Halted at attention, freshman Matthew Ring waits for his cue from a drum major to begin. Ring was one of 35 freshmen to join the band. *photo by Ed McAtee*

Prolonging his last note, sophomore Nate Smock plays his solo in "Wishing You Were Somehow Here Again." This song closed the set. *photo by Tammy Walz*



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Senior drum major Jessica Dawson keeps the band in step while directing "Phantom of the Opera." The song was part of a Phantom of the Opera theme that the band used. *photo by Ed McAtee*

Junior Amy Van Der Linden strikes her final pose at the end of "Phantom of the Opera." Van Der Linden was a member of the colorguard which added a visual effect to the band's award winning show. *photo by Ed McAtee*



COLORGUARD. Mandy Jamison, Trisha Van Gorp, Andrea Bean, Alyssa Andrews, Christina Schwab. **ROW 2.** Mary Schwab, Alycia Comer, Amy Van Der Linden, Kendra McBurney, Erin Russom, Errin Clark.

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When the band met to begin rehearsal for the year, they were missing a few familiar faces. With the absence of a strong senior class from the previous year, the band turned to the freshmen, who were ready to prove that they could perform at the program's level.

"Band is ten times more fun than in middle school," said freshman Genevieve Ramsay. "It just means more to you because you're constantly working hard and rehearsing. Ms. (Jessica) Paff is great because she really pushes us, but she still makes it fun."

The band also received a new co-director, Mr. Chris Paulson. Paulson and Paff both helped direct the band. "I think a big part of our success can be attributed to Mr. Paulson," said freshman Jacque Timmons. "He gave us a

helping hand and was like a second voice in the band."

With the help of both directors and many strenuous rehearsals, the band ventured away from their hometown and left to show the nation what they were worth. "We decided to go to St. Louis when we couldn't go to Louisiana," said sophomore Chris Ceolla. "We went to a critique session and worked on our intonation a lot. It was a good chance for us to intermix with each other and do something fun at the end of the year."

The band returned home with a gold rating and received a II at state contest, missing a I by one point. The success of the band was enjoyed by everyone because it was a group effort. *spread by Jen Goode*

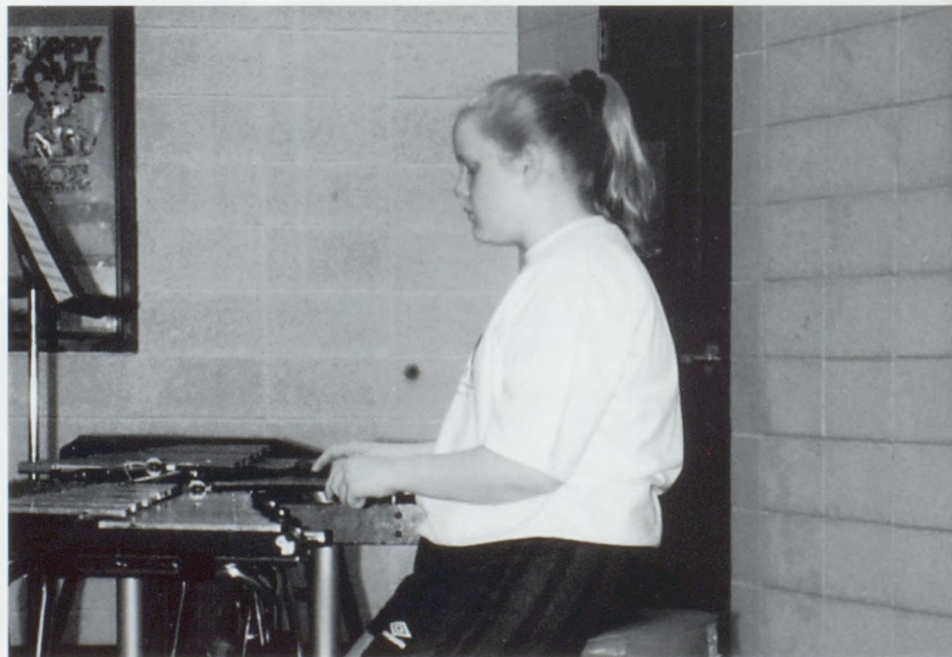


Freshman Dylan

Peterson and sophomore Matt Holub move their drums. Both Dillon and Holub played percussion. *photo by Ed McAtee*

Tapping on the

xylophone, freshman Emily Jamison works on her rhythm. Jamison was also a Marching Band member. *photo by Jenn Gleason*



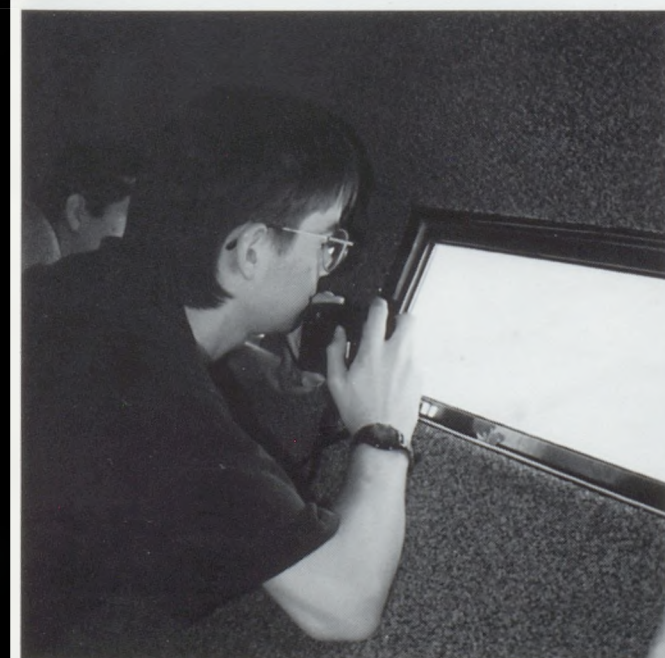
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Soloist fresh-
man Travis Anderson
performs a saxophone
line for the audience.
Anderson played the
baritone sax in the Jazz
Band. *photo by Ed
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While in St.
Louis, sophomore
Robbie Backstrom
looks down on the
town from the high
altitudes of the arch.
Band members
traveled to St. Louis
for three days of fun
and competed in a
national comp-
etition. *photo by
Jenn Gleason*



WOODS. Missy Knowles, Dawn Routson, Jacque Timmons, Michelle Collignon, Christina Schwab, Trisha Vangorp, Mandy Jamison, Erin Russom, Pam Thomas, Gina Porto, Kendra McBurney, Katie Barnett, Morgan Cavanaugh, Alycia Comer, Genevieve Ramsay, Kirsten Frederick, Jessica Dawson. **ROW 2.** Amy Van Der Linden, Jennifer Georgen, Valerie Hall, Jessi Reece, Monica Kim, Valeria Sloan, Lisa Koch, Ted Christakos, Alex Ricard, Sarah Meston, Andrea Jess, Lisa Odland, Carolyn Merrill, Alyssa Andrews. **ROW 3.** Christy Rains, Sara Harper, Robert Calland, Chris Timmerman, Jeremy Burns, Mike McCown, Joe Darr, John Just, Sandeep Rao, Aaron Knowles, Megan O'Banion.



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GOOD IDEA: HAVING A SOLO BECAUSE YOU TRIED OUT

BAD IDEA: HAVING A SOLO BECAUSE YOU MISSED A CUT OFF

Dedication Needed

Chorus turned out to be more than just singing

Being in freshman chorus was a commitment for all students and directors involved. Mrs. Jody White and Mr. Ryan Beeken shared the direction and their time between the five music groups.

"I really like Mr. Beeken's system of teaching. His teaching skills are very interesting, and we seem to accomplish a lot," said freshman Micaelah Morrill.

Many students joined freshman chorus because they enjoyed singing and being with each other, but they soon realized how much time and dedication high school choir took.

"I'm involved in three different choirs, and freshman chorus is much different from the other two because it's all freshmen and we have a different sounding group," said freshman Matt

Herrmann.

Along with performing at four concerts, they also participated in a mass concert with students involved in choir from the fourth through the twelfth grades. The freshman chorus also took part in their very first State Large Group contest.

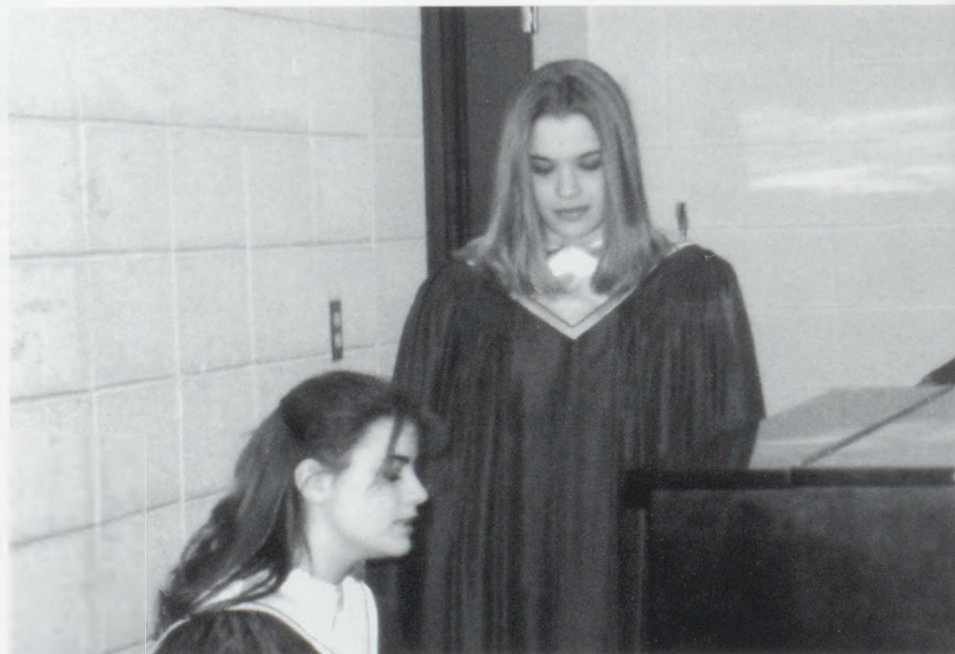
"Some of the pieces of music chosen for contest were a little more difficult than the rest we've had, but I think we've improved and have become better singers," said freshman Jenny Bond.

After all the folders were put away and the music had ceased, the freshman had experienced their first year in the high school music program. Commitment was one word in which to describe the chorus and their hard work towards singing. *spread by Leslie McAtee*



Before the spring concert, freshmen Miles Kirkpatrick, Jason Iwig and Jason Wheeler talk while waiting to sing their music. *photo by Leslie McAtee*

Helping each other out, freshmen Courtney Howard and Megan Nyberg reinforce their parts for *Agnus Dei* before a concert. *photo by Leslie McAtee*



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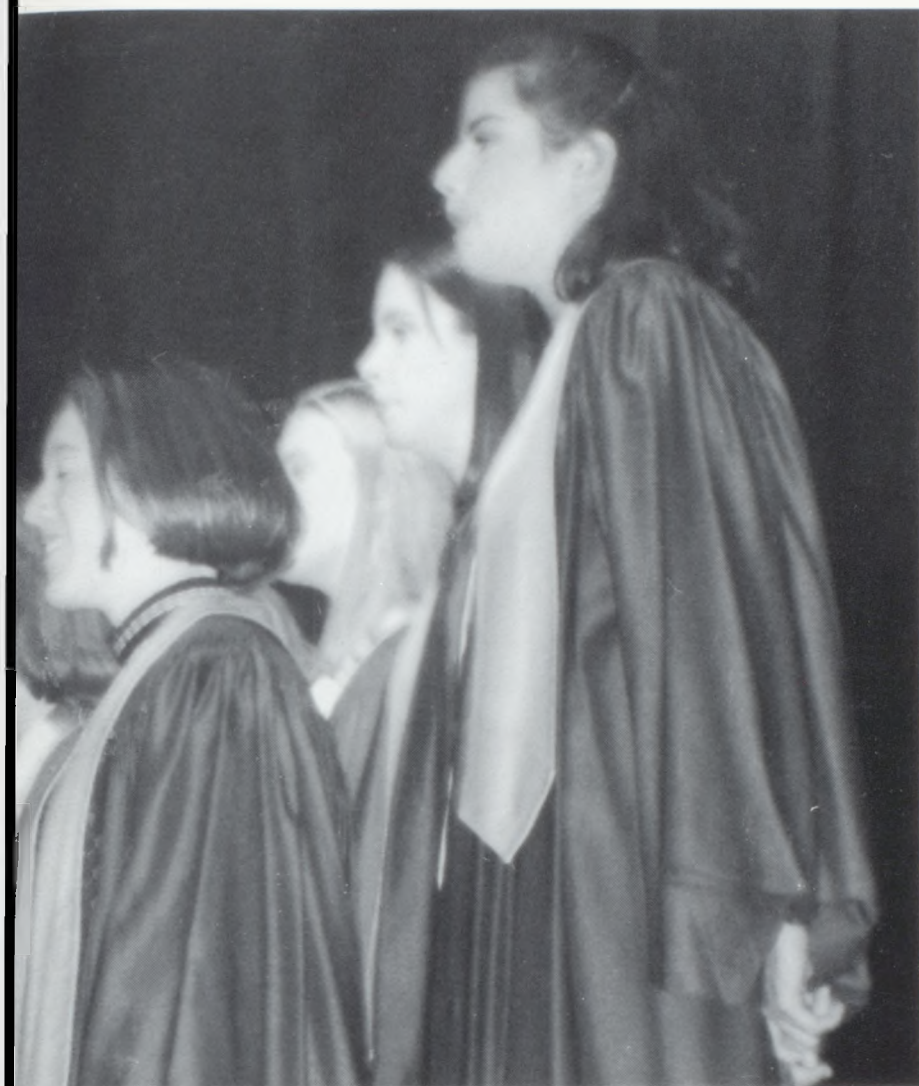


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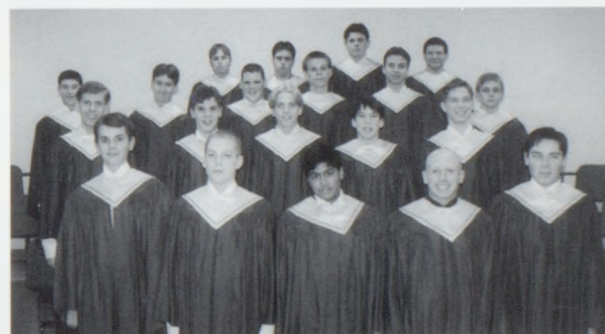
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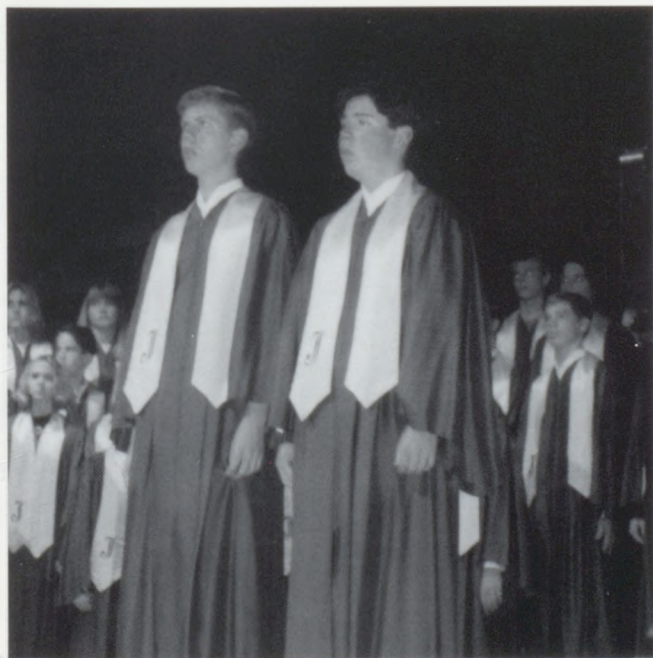
ALTOS. Megan Nyberg, Stacie Schroeder, Stephanie Nyberg, Emily Jamison, Hallie Dumavich, Shelley Jones. **ROW 2.** Anne Waller, Melissa Ward, Amie Bobst, Libby Hietbrink, Nikki Thies, Erin Samson, Nichole Lloyd. **ROW 3.** Meredith Calhoun, Jenna Peitzman, Jackie Sorrells, Danielle Markel, Kate McNerny, Vicki Holmertz. **ROW 4.** Andee Jo Houle, Ashley Bengard, Sarah Warner, Andrea Ranker, Ashley Albertson, Patti Hefner, Nikki Weirich.



SOPRANOES. Christy Johnson, Sarah Coleman, Bailey Hufford, Janie Risinger, Stacie Georgen, Chelsey Larson. **ROW 2.** Eileen Leslie, Lena Rydberg, Abbie Onken, Laura Remer, Tasha Mart, Courtney Howard. **ROW 3.** Andrea Jess, Kelly Andersen, Betsy Sanders, Amy Harnack, Greta Davis, Anna Hall. **ROW 4.** Amelia Groetsch, Alyssa Smith, Anne Peterman, Jenny Bond, Kim Elsham.



MEN. Grant Patterson, Adam Graaf, Jovey Molayal, Craig McFarling, Mike Yeoman. **ROW 2.** Ryan Burnley, Jason Iwig, Joe Darr, Keen Harvey, Matt Herrmann. **ROW 3.** Keegan Armstrong, Cory Briggs, Ben Flannery, Joel Beary, Nick Bass, Jason Wheeler. **ROW 4.** Miles Kirkpatrick, Chris Piper, Quinn Sypniewski, Gib Manilla.



Spitting out
the words to
Broadway, freshmen
Nichole Lloyd, Kate
McNerny and Ashley
Bengard sing their alto
part while blending
with the rest of the
chorus. *photo by*
Cheryl Larson

Freshmen
soloists Ryan
Burnley and Mike
Yeoman sing their
final note as they
stand out from the
rest of the chorus.
Many soloists
performed at the fall
concert. *photo by*
Cheryl Larson

GOOD IDEA: TAKING FRESHMAN CHORUS

BAD IDEA: TAKING A STUDY HALL INSTEAD



ALTOS. Tammy Walz, Jodi Peitzman, Jana Yanders, Shauna Sleep, Kyla Kiester, Emily Slattery. **ROW 2.** Mary Ann Johnson, Marie Bunce, Katie Barnett, Kristyn Knight, Alycia Comer, Casandra Christensen, Emily Baker, Michelle Vacco. **ROW 3.** Alicia Baumgarn, Stephanie Nichols, Lisa Koch, Tyelene Cervetti, Sara Madison, Melissa Mattern, Marcia Mattern, Katie Wong, Lisa Oviatt. **ROW 4.** Emily Betz, Alyssa Friedow, Valarie Hall, Ellen Bryant, Casey Ahler, Angela DeHamer, Leslie McAtee, Andrea Bean, Erin Derby, Sarah Martin.



SOPRANOS. Kirsten Frederick, Lindsey Wilde, Megan O'Banion, Kim Bjornson, Megan Sheeks. **ROW 2.** Penny Nichols, Julie Heffling, Meghann Wiig, Cindy Loffler, Jenna Matkins, Heather Patterson, Sarah Green. **ROW 3.** Felisha Montero, Nicole Chavas, Jennifer Georgen, Ashley Sires, Mandi Jamison, Trisha VanGorp, Amy Palmer, Gina Porto, Jorie Moravec, Alicia Frasier. **ROW 4.** Chrystal Martin, Kelli Wong, Alyssa Andrews, Christina DeHamer, Shelly Sheldahl, Renae Fuller, Erin Russom, Emily Miller, Angie Hefner.



MEN. Joel Ashby, Jaison Molayal, Rory Flynn, Tim Keck, Sean Flannery, Todd Bass. **ROW 2.** Ben Oviatt, Dan Johnson, Justin Zortman, Andy Johnson, John Heth, Phil Gauthier. **ROW 3.** Dan Kuster, Ben Molayal, Josh Hildreth, Chrs Ceretti, Luke Hall, Nathan Huber, Matt Reber, Kent Anderson. **ROW 4.** Robert Larson, Mark Hansen, Brian Freeman, Nate Lynch, Andy Vis, Steve Good, Dann Houser.



Singing a
chord, senior Penny Nichols, junior Erin Russom and sophomores Jenna Matkins and Sarah Martin hold the final note. The Treble Clef ensemble sang three songs. *photo by Emily Miller*

Joking
with the rest of the choir, sophomore Rory Flynn laughs at director Mr. Ryan Beeken's failure to mention Mark Hansen as a senior. The seniors were recognized at the spring concert. *photo by Emily Miller*



GOOD IDEA: SING IL EST NÉ LE DIVIN ENFANT IN FRENCH

BAD IDEA: SING IL EST NÉ LE DIVIN ENFANT IN SWAHILI



Fresh Appearances

Additions to the auditorium contributed to chorus

A new and improved auditorium was a welcome sight to the members of the mixed chorus. After tolerating an out-of-date facility, the chorus was anxious to receive equipment that would meet the program's standards.

"It's long overdue, we have really gotten sophisticated light and sound systems. The middle school used to have a portable sound system. We used that until they sold it," said choral director Mrs. Jody White. "Everything we want to do with lights and sound is there." Aside from the lights and sound, the auditorium also received new eggplant-colored curtains.

A grand piano was added to complete the renovation. The piano was dedicated to Amanda Benson, who passed away in

1994. A memorial fund set up by her parents, along with money gained through chorus fund-raisers, paid for the new piano.

Benson, who would have been a senior this year, was active in the choral program. The piano was dedicated in her memory at the April 22 concert. Seniors Mary Ann Johnson, Angela DeHamer and Alicia Baumgarn each played a selection of their choice. "Mr. Beeken asked me if I would play something. Mine was the more classical piece, *Moonlight Sonata*," said Johnson.

The updating of the auditorium not only enhanced the performers' overall sound and show, but made it more enjoyable for the audience. *spread by Emily Miller*



Cueing the choir, director Mrs. Jody White tells sophomore Lisa Oviatt, junior Wes Nyberg and senior Ben Oviatt to sing softly. *photo by Jenny White*

Freshman

Adam Graaf, sophomore Jaison Molayal, senior Jen Georgen, freshman Ben Flannery and junior Gina Porto await the cut-off. *photo by Emily Miller*



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ALTOS. Megan Lehman, Lisa Oviatt, Kaitlin Rainwater, Tammy Walz, Jodi Peitzman, Shelly Nissen, Jorie Moravec. **ROW 2.** Jen Goode, Emily Slattery, Stephanie Nichols, Lisa Koch, Jessica Ligas, Shauna Sleep. **ROW 3.** Ahcia Baumgart, Mary Ann Johnson, Kyla Kiester, Angela DeHamer, Emily Betz, Alyssa Friedow, Sheri Winrich, Wendi Collins, Brooke Miller.



SOPRANOS. Brooke Burbank, Jenna Matkins, Angela Schaad, Erin Russom, Nicole Chavas, Amelia Groetsch, Emily Miller. **ROW 2.** Sarah Green, Kelli Dennis, Sharon Ehm, Gina Porto, Angela Finestead, Felisha Montero, Amy Palmer, Chrystal Martin, Kim Elsham. **ROW 3.** Jessica Berens, Angie Hefner, Ashley Sires, Jennifer Georgen, Penny Nichols, Kelli Wong, Heather Patterson, Alicia Frasier.



BASSES. Grant Patterson, Ben Flannery, J.D. Marvin, Dan Houser, Wesley Nyberg, Matt Herrmann, Joel Ashby, Jaison Molayal, Dan Johnson, Chris Ceretti. **ROW 2.** Dan Kuster, Steve Good, Nathan Lynch, Ben Oviatt, Ben Molayal, Bryan Collins, Todd Bass, Adam Lewis, Nathan Huber, John Heth, Quinn Sypniewski, Eric Peterson.



TENORS. Grant Mandsager, Chris Dickey, Jarod Carl, Rory Flynn, Adam Graaf. **ROW 2.** Chuck Hamilton, Edd dog McAtee, Sean Flannery, Mike Herrmann, Jason Brehmer, Andy Vis.



Playing their
recorders, juniors Gina Porto and Erin Russom practice their part. The recorders were one of the various small groups that performed at the Madrigal dinner. photo by Emily Miller

Singing a
solo in "Wassail," senior Mike Herrmann presents a verse about the O.J. Simpson trial. Herrmann was the jester and led all songs for the dinner. photo by Alyssa Friedow



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A Madrigal Dinner was a hit despite troubles

chieving Success

It didn't matter if the boars' head was rolling on the ground or guests were rolling in the aisles with laughter, a memorable time was had at Concert Choir's annual Madrigal Dinner.

Unexpected problems occurred, causing the audience to laugh at mistakes made. "The boar's head seemed to bounce off the tray as I was carrying it. I heard a thud and backed away, walked off and never looked back," said sophomore Steve Good. "The guests were unsure if it was supposed to happen, but they laughed anyway."

Another complication of the Madrigal Dinner was a rise in ticket sales from \$16.00 to \$20.00. "People weren't willing to pay the new price," said freshman J.D. Marvin. This problem resulted in smaller audiences each night.

Servers enjoyed the smaller crowds. "It was easier to perform because there was more room to move around between tables. Guests looked more comfortable than they have in years past," said junior Brooke Burbank.

The two performances occurred on December 11 and 12. "It's definitely worth all of the time and effort," said junior Jorie Moravec. "This is an enjoyable event that everyone should come and experience."

Johnston also hosted the Conference Choral Festival. Chorus students from all over the district came for a day of tedious practice with a guest conductor and had a concert that night. Other performances consisted of concerts and competition at state large group contest. *spread by Alyssa Friedow.*



Performing

More, junior Sarah Green and sophomore Emily Slattery sing in the spring concert. Green, an All-Stater, had two solos in this concert. *photo by Alycia Comer*

After her audition for a solo in *Wassail*, senior Mary Ann Johnson crams to learn the words. Johnson auditioned at the last minute for her solo. *photo by Emily Miller*

GOOD IDEA: WOMEN WEARING TIGHTS UNDER A DRESS

BAD IDEA: MEN WEARING TIGHTS UNDER A DRESS



INNOVATION. Shauna Sleep, Rory Flynn, Joel Ashby, Jodi Peitzman, Bill Knapp, Chrystal Martin, Jaison Molayal, Alicia Frasier. **ROW 2.** Todd Bass, Ben Molayal, Bryan Collins, Mike Herrmann, Wes Nyberg, Chris Ceretti, Jarod, Carl, Nathan Huber, Ed "The Mac" Atee, Sean Flannery, Steve Good. **ROW 3.** Jason Brehmer, Sarah Green, Alicia Baumgarn, Nate Lynch, Sharon Ehm, Andy Vis, Mandy Jamison, Gina Porto, Kelli Dennis. **ROW 4.** Erin Russom, Jen Georgan, Ashley Sires, Angie Hefner, Adam Lewis, Dan Kuster, Sheri Winrich, Alyssa Friedow, Angea Schaad, Shelly Nissen.



SOUND ADVICE. Janie Risinger, Betsy Sanders, Amy Palmer, Julie Heffling, Keegan Armstrong, Mike Yeoman, Jovey Molayal, Cassie Christensen, Katie Barnett, Sarah Martin, Marie Bunce, Erin Samson. **ROW 2.** Emily Miller, Cindy Loffler, Erin Derby, Jorie Moravec, Grant Mandsager, Ryan Burnley, Adam Graaf, Matt Herrmann, Meghann Wiig, Libby Hietbrinck, Megan Lehman, Angela Finestead. **ROW 3.** Amanda Sellers, Felisha Montero, Amelia Groetsch, Ben Flannery, John Heth, Nick Bass, J.D. Marvin, Miles Kirkpatrick, Christina DeHamer, Greta Davis, Ashley Bengard, Kim Elsham.



Acting out the
choreography to *Isn't it Kinda Fun*, sophomore Joel Ashby and junior Shauna Sleep lean toward each other. Innovation called this their "soft shoe" number. *photo by Emily Miller*

While
creating the final pose to *The Banana Boat Song*, sophomores Cassie Christensen, Amanda Sellers, Luke Hall and Andrew Johnson sing. Sound Advice performed this song in the Innovation show. *photo by Kate Vocelka*



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Innovation and Sound Advice strived to be unique

n Original Season

Conventional show choir methods were put aside as Innovation and Sound Advice tried to stand out.

One unusual aspect was the originality in the groups' shows. Sophomore Kaitlin Rainwater, a Sound Advice member, said, "It was different because we had two choreographers (Mr. Brenton Brown and Mrs. Kim Lewis)."

Individuality was also exhibited in Innovation's set. "In the past years, it has been up tempo with more glitz and glamour. This year it was more musical," said senior Mandy Jamison.

The shows resulted in a victorious season. Innovation's triumphs in 4A included first place and a Grand Champion title at Northwest Missouri State and the Lewis-Central Invitational. At the

Urbendale Invitational, they earned third place. Innovation ended the season with a seventh place rating at the Jefferson Invitational.

Sound Advice had many achievements in the prep division. The group received third place at the Urbendale Invitational and took a first place rating at the Lewis-Central Invitational. The group also got fifth place at the Jefferson Invitational.

Members of Innovation took a cruise during spring break, adding to the novelty of the year. They visited places such as Key West, Florida and Cozumel, Mexico. "Innovation on Vacation" concluded an uncommon and successful year. *spread by Emily Miller and Alycia Comer*



Preparing for

the show, sophomores Christina DeHamer and Meghann Wiig pin their costumes. Pinning was vital before each performance.

photo by Alyssa Freidow

In Key West, Florida,

senior Angie Hefner looks for a pair of sunglasses. Key West was one of the many ports on the cruise. *photo by Wes Nyberg*

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C Plays complicated life and got messy

ursing Time

Screaming and yelling did nothing. Praying to a higher deity did not work either. When the premieres of the school and drama plays rolled around, students discovered how strange situations could occur. "Ed and Wes jump around during practice; Ed ad-libs during some of his lines because a few are really odd," said sophomore Sarah Meston, referring to juniors Ed McAtee and Wes Nyberg. McAtee was also known to twirl across the stage during play practices.

A plethora of things happened during the performances. A tree was knocked over by Brutus the dog, played by junior Micah Sturdevant, during the first show of *Beauty and the Beast*. Junior Chuck Terhune, portraying Grasp, who was being chased by animate household objects, knocked over junior Lisa Koch,

who played the talking clock, at the last performance.

The weather was also something of a bother. The drama plays were cancelled on the first night and shown only once. *Beauty and the Beast* was not cancelled, but there was talk of a blizzard on opening night, and the second performance had nasty conditions.

"For *Anne Frank*, the first evening was cancelled, and on the second night, the turnout doubled. The cast was pumped up more, so that helped a lot," said senior Mark Hansen.

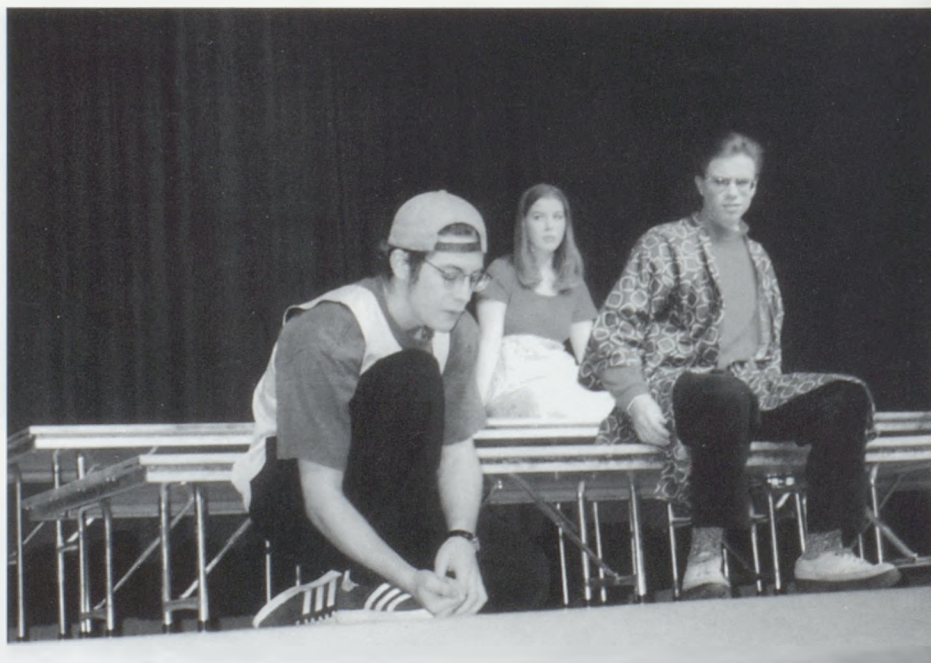
Regardless of conditions, drama and play members kept their composure. "You have to be committed because it shows if you're not ready and don't have your lines down," said junior Aditya Mahajan. *spread by Jennaie White*



Sophomore Nate

Monroe, playing Tommy the movie buff, gets teased by sophomore Nate Smock. "Tommy" was a skit written by junior Wes Nyberg. *photo by Jennaie White*

Weighing the pros and cons, senior Joe Ramirez considers why he's stuck in his box. Ramirez played Willy in "Cages," a skit that dealt with mental problems. *photo by Jennifer White*



GOOD IDEA: ATTENDING PLAY REHEARSAL EVERY DAY

BAD IDEA: ATTENDING PLAY REHEARSAL ONCE OR TWICE A WEEK



FOURTH PERIOD DRAMA. Nate Monroe, Karolina Czerwinski, Lindsey Wilde, Becca Tapken, Kim Bjornson. **ROW 2.** Shawn Stetson, Lisa Koch, Angela Ryan, Nathan Benn. **ROW 3.** Katie Stricklin, Katie McClure, Amy Stewart, Angela Schaad, Nate Smock. **ROW 4.** Wes Nyberg, Rob Wisniewski, Chuck Terhune, Joe Ramirez.



FIFTH PERIOD DRAMA. Leslie McAtee, Stephanie Black, Stephanie Barnes, Shannon Perkins. **ROW 2.** Nicole Chavas, Brookie Music, Cyndi Shumaker, Mandy McConnelly. **ROW 3.** Andy Briggs, Pam Thomas, Suzanne Cirkse, Pankhury Batra.



THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK. Carolyn Merrill, Nicole Chavas, Mark Hansen, Kellie Barney, Jessica Dawson, Becca Tapken. **ROW 2.** Aaron Atkinson, Heather Patterson, Charles Terhune, Ben Oviatt, Aditya Mahajan.



Playing Peter

Van Dann in *Anne Frank*, sophomore Aaron Atkinson steals a kiss from Anne, played by senior Kellie Barney. The fall play was a drama instead of the usual comedy. *photo by Jennifer White*

Begging for

mercy, junior Ed McAtee tries to accept his fate of becoming a beast. Sophomore Pankhury Batra played an old woman who placed a spell and cursed the prince for his selfishness. *photo by Jennifer White*



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST. Erik Allison, Sara Harper, Sarah Meston, Katie Barnett, Anne Peterman, Dawn Routson, Andee Jo Houle, Kirsten Frederick, Mark Hansen, Wes Nyberg, Aaron Atkinson, Alexi Jameson. **ROW 2.** Vachel White, Nathan Huber, Lena Rydberg, Mike Skinner, Jennifer Georgan, Erin Russom, Carolyn Merrill, Pam Thomas, Jessica Dawson, Cassie Christenson, Sarah Rippey, Keegan Armstrong, Merrin Rose. **ROW 3.** Chuck Terhune, Becca Tapken, Karolina Czerwinski, Errin Clark, Pankhury Batra, Cyndi Shumaker, Robert Larson, Lisa Koch, Aditya Mahajan, Kellie Barney.



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Introducing her

co-host for their Leadership skit, "Singled Out," senior Angie Hefner reads freshman Andy Sundblad's profile. Sundblad portrayed host Jenny McCarthy while Hefner played Chris Hardwick in their parody of the popular MTV dating show. *photo by Jen Goode*



Preparing for

the defense, senior Monica Kim helps sophomore Michelle Vacco with her direct examination questions in a Mock Trial run-through. The case was a conspiracy about smuggling drugs into the United States. *photo by Jen Goode*



Smearing some

white make-up on her face, senior Sarah Bidney completes her outfit for "Dead for a Day." SADD participated in this activity to remind classmates of the cost of drinking and driving. The "dead" students represented drunk driving fatalities. *photo by Cheryl Larson*



Raising money

for Adopt a Family, student council member freshman Grant Patterson attempts to get a donation out of senior Jenna Logan. Adopt a Family was just one of many programs Student Council sponsored. It raised money for needy families in the area at Christmas time. *photo by Kate Vocelka*



Plan/Act

Newspaper covered all year events (pp. 98-99) •

Many students participated in the All-Star Mentor program

(pp. 88-89) • SAIL members acted like leaders

(pp. 96-97) • Class Day was planned by

(pp. 94-95) • Mock Trial

for Dora Remy's life (pp. 82-83) • Members of the student

council the student body (pp. 92-93) •

SHO the Health Fair (pp. 84-85) • Safety

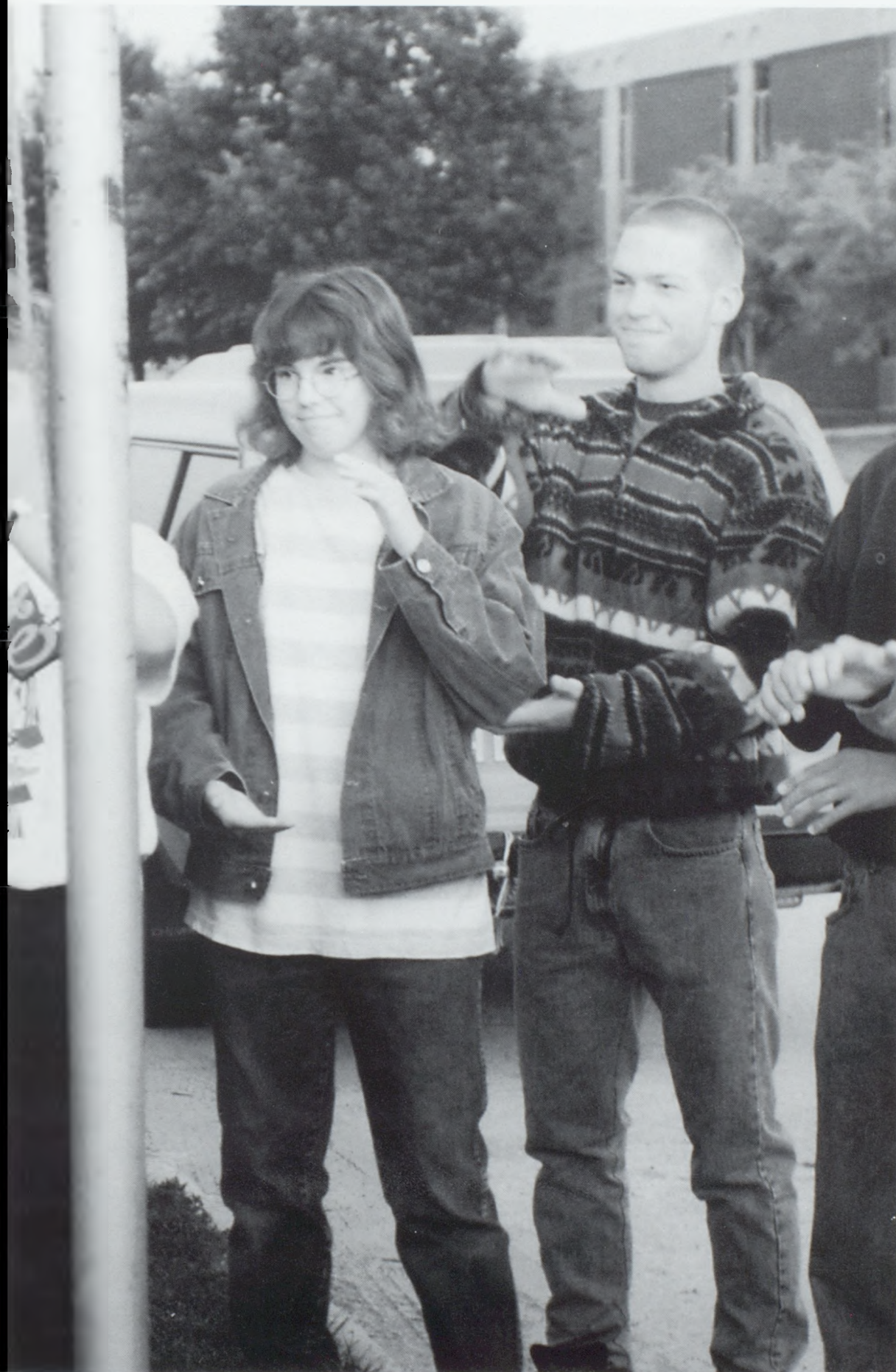
Kids taught young students to say no to drugs (pp. 90-

91) • FCA spoke for in the world (pp. 86-87) •

dominated the yearbook staff (pp. 100-101) •

spread by Jenny Goode and Wesley Nyberg

Replacing the lyrics to "Deep and Wide" with the choreography, sophomore Adena Dudney and junior Brad Sewell participate in one of many *See You at the Pole* activities. FCA leaders planned this worldwide event which included scripture readings, songs and prayer. *photo by Jen Goode*



Q/A

1. Why did students go to Washington D.C.?

- a > to be in a mock congressional hearing
- b > to party with the president
- c > to skip school

2. When was the constitution written?

- a > 1846
- b > 1787
- c > 1997

3. How many students went to Washington D.C. for CMH?

- a > 5
- b > 30
- c > 18

4. What famous person was involved in the national mock trial case used for nationals?

- a > Brad Pitt
- b > Julia Roberts
- c > Elvis Presley

5. Who did the mock trial team compete against at finals?

- a > Pocahontas
- b > Johnston
- c > Lincoln

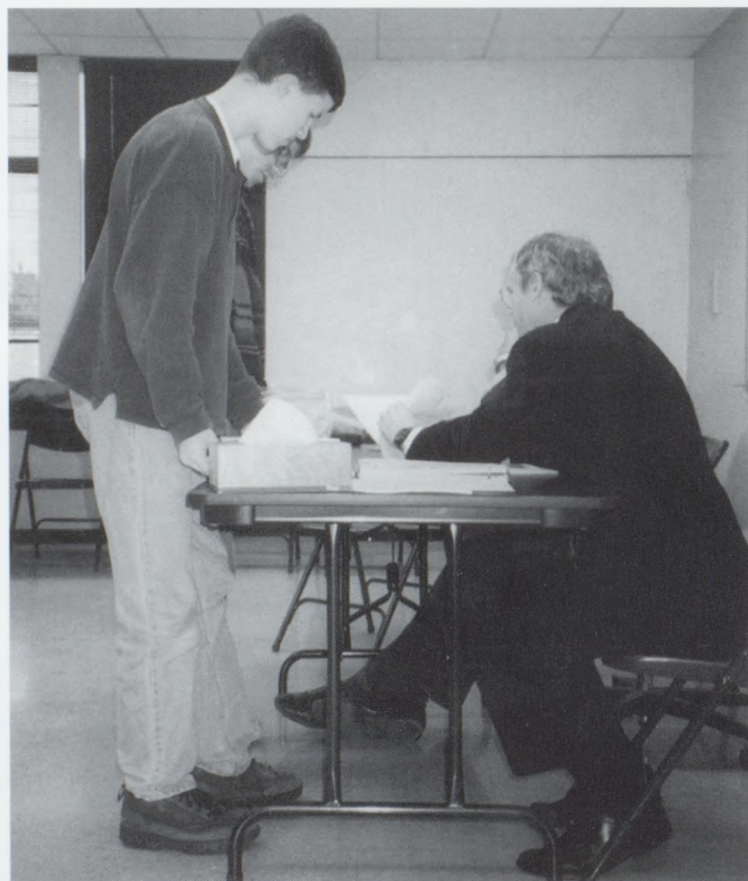
ANSWERS: 1. a 2. b 3. c 4. c 5. b



CMH. Paige Stover, Alicia Frasier, Monica Kim. ROW 2. Justin Ehm, Jeff Allen, Sean Flannery, Sara Hill. ROW 3. Matt Sinnwell, Jason Meade, Christine Notis, Angela DeHamer, Alyssa Friedow, Mandy McConnelee. ROW 4. Adam Tetzloff, Matt Holub, Chrystal Martin, Jaison Molayal.



MOCK TRIAL. Andy McGhay, J.D. Marvin, Jason Schissel, Nigel Berndt, Megan Mandsager. ROW 2. Jessica Dawson, Besty Sanders, Monica Kim, Jaison Molayal, Sharon Ehm, Patrick Midtlyng, Beau Brindley, Anne Peterman, Emily Betz. ROW 3. Jason Olson, Micaelahr Morrill, Michelle Vocco, Miles Kirkpatrick, Tammy Walz, Justin Ehm, Matt Houlb.



Marking exhibits in a pre-trial conference, freshman J.D. Marvin and senior Beau Brindley talk with the judges. Lawyers were brought into practices to help members of the Mock Trial team with their law skills. Lawyers also filled in as judges. photo by Alyssa Friedow



GOOD IDEA: JOIN CMH TO HELP WITH POLITICAL CAREERS

BAD IDEA: JOIN CMH TO GO ON THE WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP

Looking through her

notes, senior Emily Betz goes over her examination. Betz and other Mock Trial students had to rehearse openings, closing arguments, examinations and witness statements before presenting their case. *photo by Alycia Comer*

Waiting for the

questions, senior Mandy McConnelee and sophomores Jaison Molayal and Matt Holub talk among themselves during the CMH run throughs. Questions were asked by judges to help the groups prepare for the Washington D.C. trip. *photo by Alyssa Friedow*



Traveling

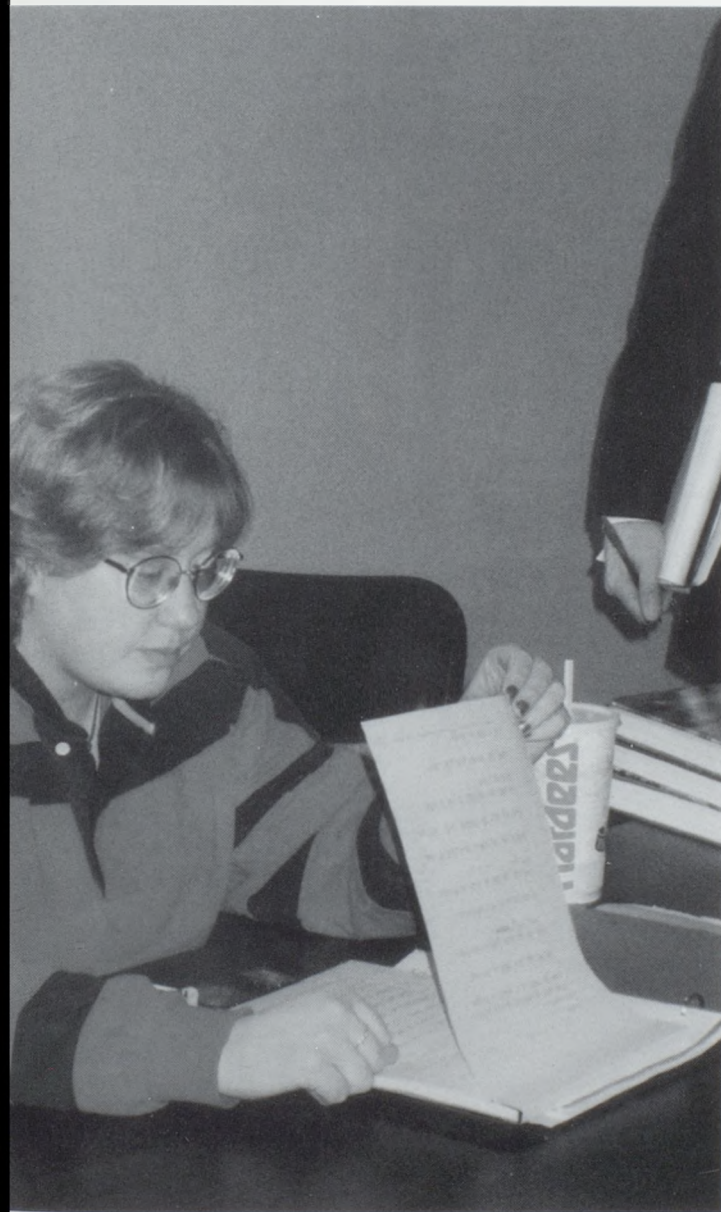
Mock Trial and CMH worked as a team

To New

and as individuals to receive a trip

Heights

Memorizing and compiling information were part of the Mock Trial and Congressional Mock Hearing (CMH) teams. **Mock Trial** went through regional competitions and state run-offs to get to state. "The best part of competition was going against a team you know," said freshman J.D. Marvin. **The** case for state was about drug smuggling. Only one team would be going to nationals. By the end, it became a face-off between two Johnston teams with the purple team winning. **CMH**, a class about the constitution, had some similar duties as Mock Trial. CMH members experienced troubles while preparing their speeches. Junior Chrystal Martin said, "The worst part was trying to figure out where to start with the information." **CMH** had run-throughs to help members with expectations. **Hard** work on the part of the group and each individual brought success to both teams. *spread by Alycia Comer*



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Waiting patiently to donate, senior Mark Oiler has his blood pressure taken by the nurse from the Blood Bank of Iowa. National Honor Society worked with Student Council in holding this annual event which gave students an opportunity to help save lives with their blood. *photo by Wes Nyberg*

Passing the time, senior Sara Hill does her homework while watching the drop off box. This was used as a collection bin for the book drive. Students donated used books which were taken, along with new ones, to the Head Start program in Des Moines. These books were read to the children by volunteers. *photo by Kate Vocolka*

Committing

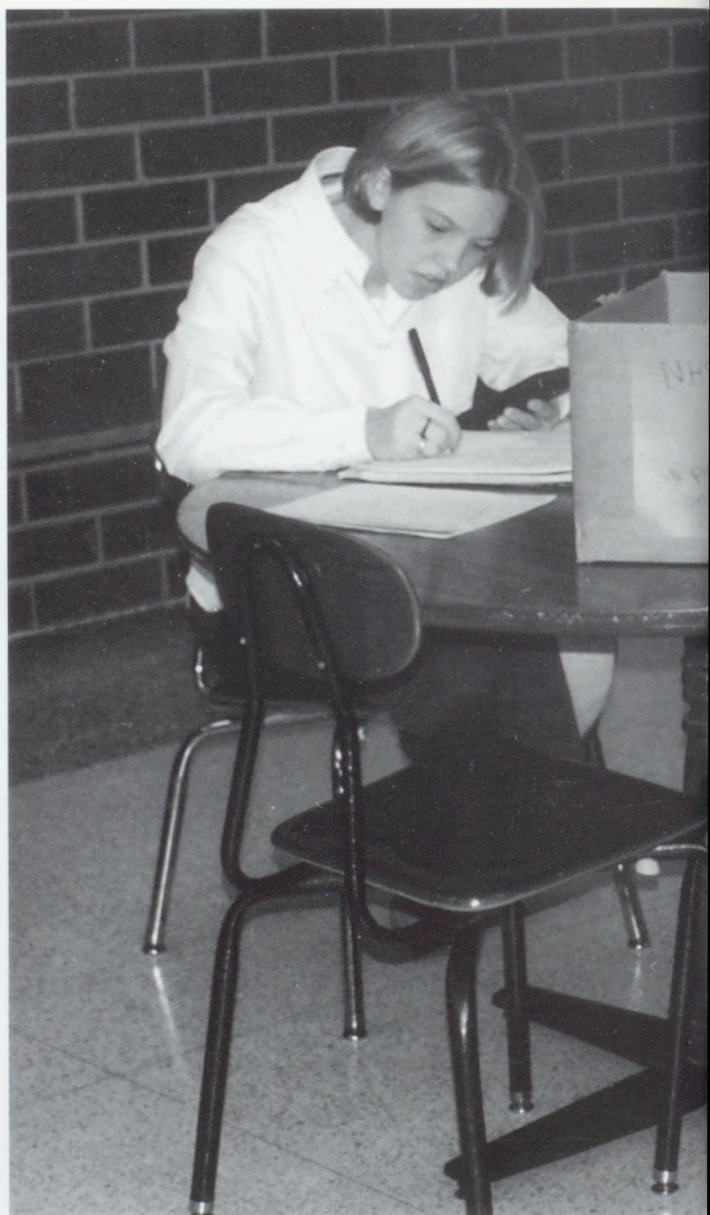
National Honor Society contributed

To

to many projects to meet their goals

Service

At any of the meetings held by the National Honor Society the main goal of the group was to do a lot of service projects. The group worked on new projects, not just traditional ones. **They** helped the All-Star Program in its first year of existence. NHS also hosted the first annual Parent University, which was a workshop that taught parental skills. "I think the Parent University ran smoothly and provided more information to parents," said senior Sarah Rippey. **Some** of the projects were done outside the school district and helped programs like the Head Start in Des Moines. This included giving them hats, mittens and books. **All** of the projects were done by members who volunteered for the jobs. Advisor Mrs. Iris Scott said, "National Honor Society is a student led organization, so constantly the students are given leadership roles while they fulfill service projects." *spread by Kate Vocolka*



GOOD IDEA: PARTICIPATING IN THE SERVICE PROJECTS

BAD IDEA: PAYING A YOUNGER SIBLING 50¢ TO PARTICIPATE

Sheri Winrich, senior

"Everybody has this misconception that it (NHS) is a nerd society, but it isn't. It gives you a really good opportunity to help others while benefiting other organizations."



NHS EXECUTIVE BOARD. Meghan Mandsager, Alicia Frasier. ROW 2. Sara Hill, Jason Schissel, Angie Hefner, Sean Flannery.



Sorting through the cards on Mr. Jerry Stratton's desk, senior Holly Susie organizes the papers to hand out the Valentine's Day carnations. Students purchased flowers from National Honor Society members, and they were handed out during first period on the Friday of homecoming and Valentine's Day.
photo by Alyssa Friedow

Q/A

1. How often does National Honor Society meet?

- a > the first Thursday of the month
- b > every day between fourth period and first lunch
- c > the morning after a full moon

2. How much do the carnations for homecoming and Valentine's Day cost?

- a > \$1.00
- b > \$100.00
- c > \$9.99

3. How old does one have to be to donate at the blood drive?

- a > 16 years
- b > 21 months
- c > 18 years

4. What is being done with the left over money?

- a > a pizza party for the whole group
- b > a Dollars for Scholars donation and a gift to the school
- c > it is divided equally between all of the members

ANSWERS: 1. a 2. a 3. c 4. b

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Q/A

1. How does one join?

- a > complete a month long application process
- b > just show up at a meeting
- c > pay a \$100 entry fee

2. Where are the meetings held?

- a > at members' homes
- b > in a secret cave outside of Johnston
- c > at the mall

3. What is the limit of members allowed?

- a > 10
- b > there is no limit
- c > 25

4. Who can join?

- a > only varsity athletes
- b > only people with a 3.5 GPA or above
- c > anybody

5. What does FCA stand for?

- a > Fun, Caring Attitudes
- b > Free Cash Awarded
- c > Fellowship of Christian Athletes

ANSWERS: 1. b 2. a 3. b 4. c 5. c



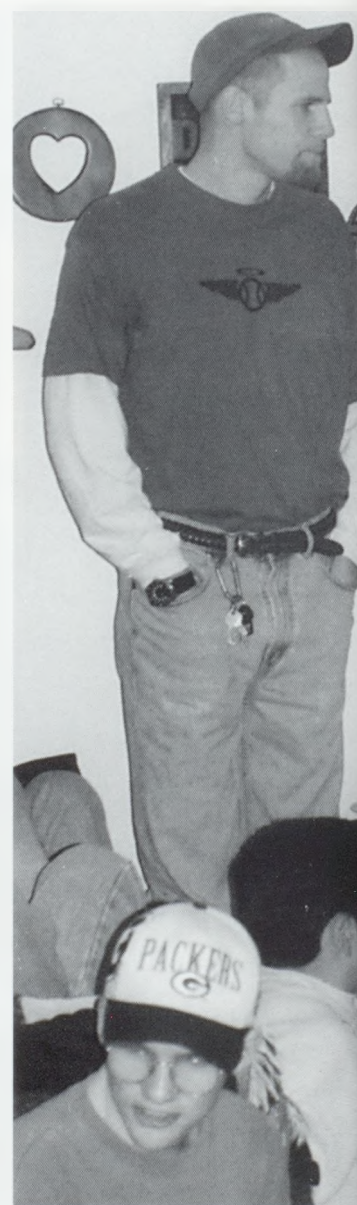
FCA MEMBERS. Brad Sewell. **ROW 2.** Ryan Helps, Amie Bobst, Dawn Warner, Angela Jennings, Brooke Miller, Libby Hietbrink, Brent Whipps. **ROW 3.** Sarah Coleman, Erin Samson, Amy Young, Annie Waller, Ryan Ruisch, Tenisha Davis. **ROW 4.** Kelli Brown, Monica Inge, Jenna Peitzman, Rachel Bryant, B.J. Knapp, Nathan Kirkpatrick, Ryan Roeth, Dan Armstrong, Lance Routson, Ryan Kirkpatrick, Adam Nieting, Dave Gray. **ROW 5.** Sarah Morris, Jeny Oderkirk, Michelle Norton, Megan Lehman, Jared Clark, Matt Kroeger, Marcus Iwig.



FCA LEADERS. Erin Maureen Flynn, Jennifer Julie Goode, Sarah Marie Batchelder. **ROW 2.** Andrew Vis, Kelly Leigh Clarkson, Charles Terhune, Tammy Jo Walz, Ryan McGowan. (not pictured: Katie Hoss, Kyla Kiester, Chris Kroeger, Jodi Rae Peitzman, Millie Smith, Dan Sundblad.)



Leading the discussion, junior Erin Flynn talks about homosexuality with her group members. "Homosexuality was my favorite topic we discussed because people handled it in a mature way, and we thought there would be problems," said Flynn. *photo by Kate Vocolka*



GOOD IDEA: GOING TO FCA TO LEARN ABOUT ONE'S RELIGION

BAD IDEA: GOING TO FCA MEETINGS TO EAT ALL THE FOOD

Opening the meeting, junior Sarah Batchelder introduces the speaker, Doug Applegate. Other speakers included Mr. Jerry Stratton, graduate Heather Smith and various FCA members. They talked to the students about things which affected their everyday choices and provided topics for discussion in the small groups. *photo by Kate Vocelka*

Paying close attention, senior Paige Stover, sophomore Sarah Morris and senior B.J. Knapp listen to a group member's ideas. The members often broke into small groups so more people had the chance to express their views on the chosen topic. *photo by Kate Vocelka*



Standing On Common Ground

FCA provided students with a

comfortable atmosphere to share beliefs

At times, more than 100 students packed into the living rooms of FCA members to talk about religion in their lives. **These** discussions were directed by a group of 14 leaders, in contrast to individuals, which attracted a larger number of students. "We didn't want to give all the responsibility to one person. We wanted to spread the jobs to people who wanted to help so they could gain experience in different areas," said junior Andy Vis. **In** the past, the group had elected officers to run discussions, for more involvement, anyone who wanted to lead volunteered for the job. Sophomore Rita Fiala said, "I think it is better to have more leaders so we get more views." **The** leaders met every other Sunday to discuss topics for meetings and how to handle them. "I think we did our jobs well because all the meetings ran smoothly and we kept attendance high," said junior Jen Goode. **spread by Kate Vocelka**



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Q/A

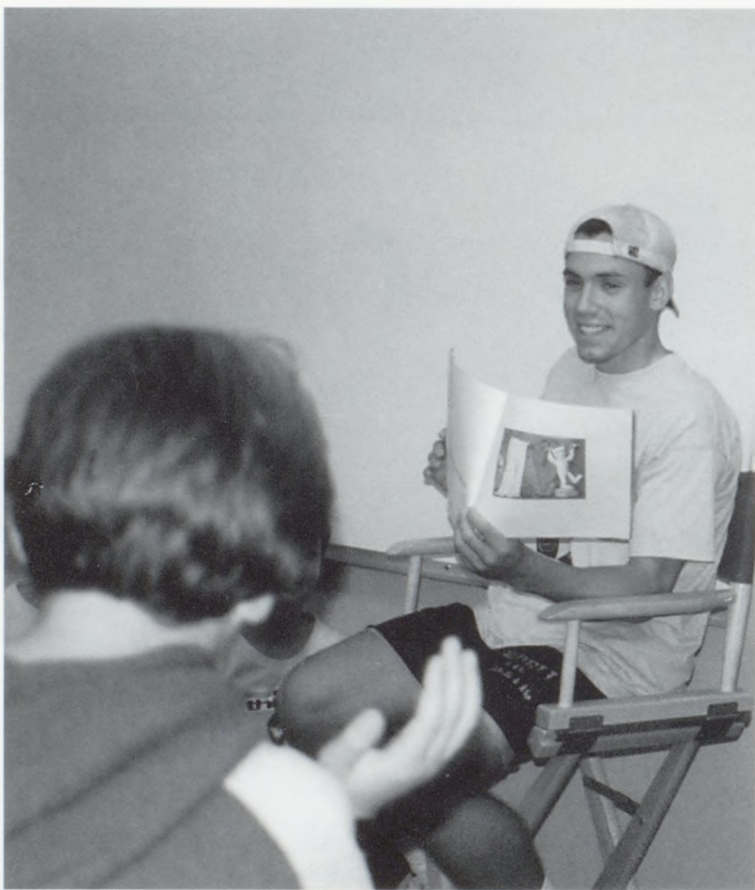
- 1. How do you get the kids to listen?
 - a > threaten to tell the teacher if they don't settle down
 - b > be patient and ask them to listen
 - c > bribe them with candy
- 2. Who is a peer helper sponsor?
 - a > Mrs. Scott
 - b > the middle school students
 - c > the teachers who want to be
- 3. What is the requirement for being a peer helper?
 - a > you and your parents sign a permission slip
 - b > a perfect record of no tardies or detentions
 - c > a 4.5 GPA
- 4. What do you teach the kids?
 - a > where to put their name on the paper
 - b > how to deal with social or academic problems
 - c > great excuses for not having your homework done on time

ANSWERS: 1. b 2. a 3. a 4. b



PEER HELPERS. Diane Lindhoff, Katie Poston, Alyssa Friedow. ROW 2. Counselor Iris Scott, Casey Abler, Morgan McChurch. ROW 3. Tammy Walz, Monica Kim, Lisa Gentile, Jamie Mai.

Monica Kim, senior
"I like working with kids and helping them. It's fun to go interact with them. I think it's rewarding for me, because I learn things from the kids by just watching them."



Flashing a picture from the book *Where the Wild Things Are*, senior Chase Young entertains a sixth grade class during homecoming week. Young was among several high school students who went to the middle school and read to the children. photo by Anne Sciorrotta



GOOD IDEA: TEACHING CHILDREN HOW TO DO HOMEWORK
BAD IDEA: TEACHING CHILDREN HOW TO COPY HOMEWORK

Celebrating the

holidays, senior Dan Sundblad and fourth grader Colin Seibert drink some Juicy Juice and eat a gingerbread man. Sundblad and junior Brad Sewell were mentors to one of Seibert's classmates and gained many other friendships. *photo by Jen Goode*

Looking up

information about the different states in the country, junior Millie Smith assists a young Wallace student with his social studies project. Smith became a mentor to Joey Schmidt and helped him stay on task and do his school work.

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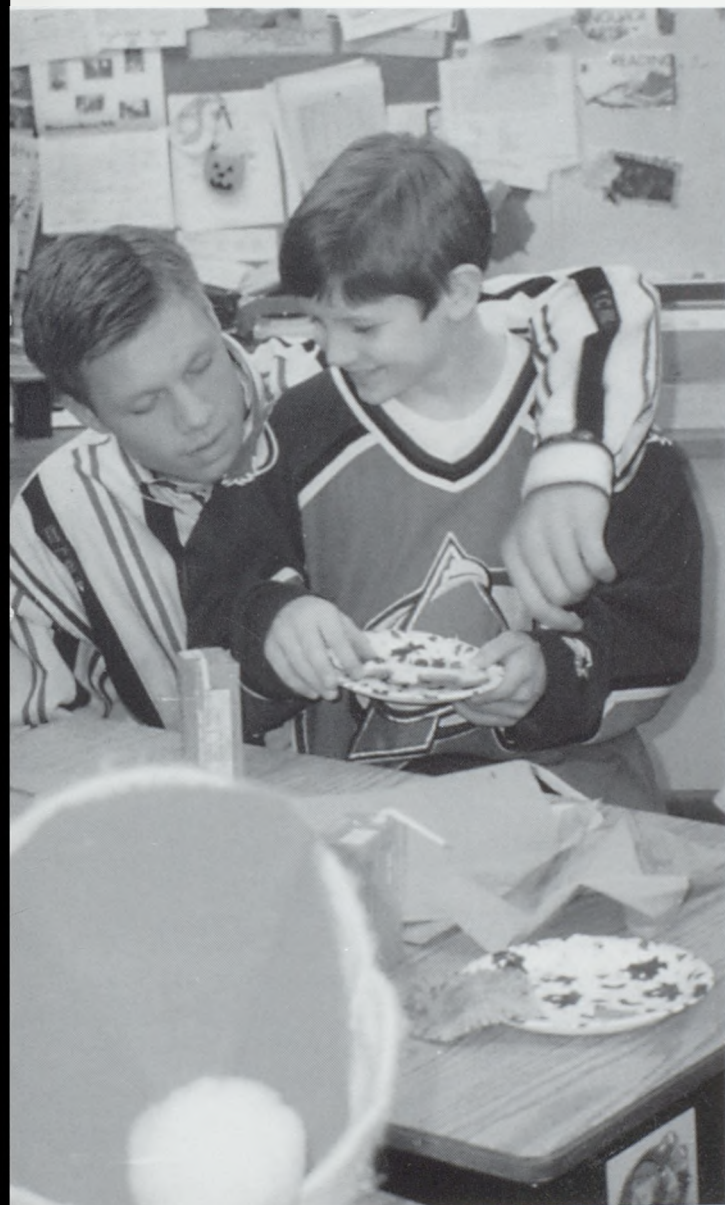


Someone To Look Up To

Peer Helpers and Mentors provided

positive influences for younger children

One of the most fulfilling experiences a person can have is knowing he/she has made an impact on someone's life. Peer helpers provided this opportunity. "I'm working with a boy who has social problems. I love to see him smile, because he never smiles at anyone, and I know I've helped him with that," said senior Jamie Mai. Last year, peer helpers tried working with high schoolers, but it proved to be too close for comfort. Senior Sarah Bidney said, "Helping people our age didn't work because we saw them everyday, so it was too personal. Now we help younger kids." The transition to helping smaller children was more rewarding. "I like working with younger kids because they listen to what you say and look up to you," said sophomore Morgan McChurch. Because of peer helpers, the children not only improved their scores, but found a role model and a reason to smile. *spread by Jenn Gleason*



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Q/A

1. What is Safety Kids all about?

- a > to teach kids how to do drugs
- b > to put on a singing and dance recital
- c > to tell kids that drugs are bad

2. Which isn't a Safety Kids' song?

- a > *The Togetherness Kids*
- b > *Just Do Drugs*
- c > *Stay Outside of My Line*

3. Why do SADD members put red ribbons on cars?

- a > to use excess ribbon from Christmas
- b > to promote Red Ribbon Week
- c > to make cars look pretty

4. Why do SADD members paint their faces white?

- a > to represent people who have died in drunk driving accidents
- b > it's a new makeup trend
- c > they are trying a new facial wash

ANSWERS: 1. c 2. b 3. b 4. a



SADD. Tammy Walz, Ellen Bryant. ROW 2. Jodi Peitzman, Casey Abler, Sharon Ehm



SAFETY KIDS. Wes Nyberg, Ed McAtee. ROW 2. Amanda Sellers, Cassie Christensen, Tammy Walz. ROW 3. Aditya Mahajan, Missy Knowles, Kelli Kramer. ROW 4. Mrs. Stephanie Hietz, Josh House



Celebrating Red Ribbon Week, senior Diane Lindhoff helps place ribbons on cars. SADD members also passed out red candy at football games, were dead for a day, passed out drug-free ribbons and wore red for Red Ribbon Week.
photo by Cheryl Larson



GOOD IDEA: JOIN SAFETY KIDS TO TEACH KIDS ABOUT DRUGS

BAD IDEA: JOIN SAFETY KIDS TO TEACH KIDS TO DO DRUGS

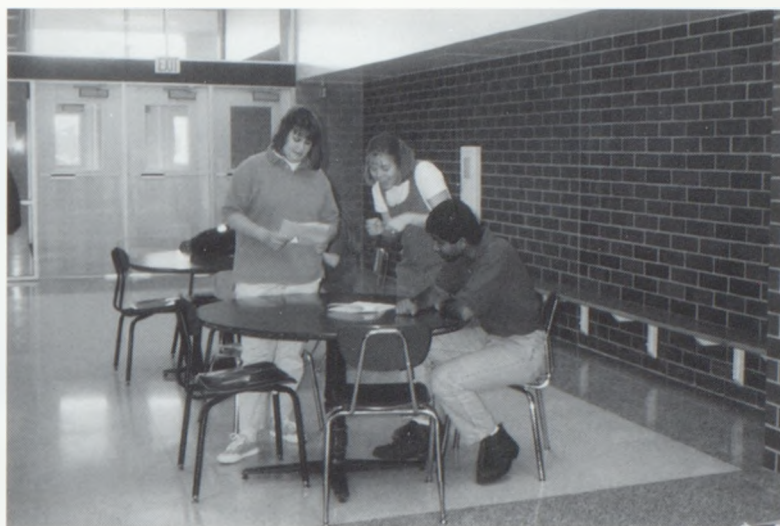
Singing The Together-

ness Kids, sophomores Amanda Sellers and Cassie Christensen, juniors Tammy Walz and Jen Goode and sophomore Karolina Czerwinski tell kids to always take a buddy in public places. Safety Kids would put on a skit with singing and dancing to help kids remember what to do in a situation.

photo by Alycia Comer

Following along,

juniors Kelli Kramer and Aditya Mahajan watch junior Melissa Knowles do actions to *All You Got To Say Is No*. Kramer, Mahajan and Knowles, along with other Safety Kids, memorized scripts and songs to sing at elementary schools. photo by Alycia Comer



Fighting

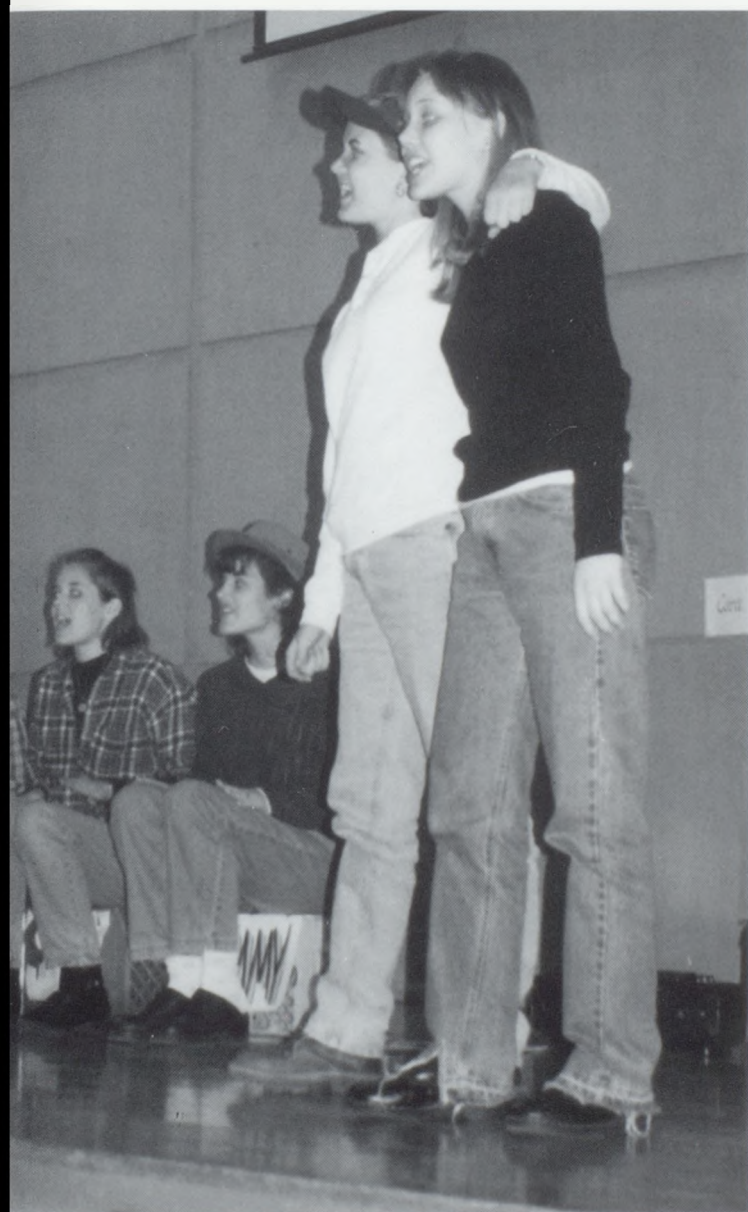
SADD and Safety Kids not only helped

Peer

with kids, but also in the community

Pressure

Safety Kids traveled from school to school to teach kids about strangers, drugs and alcohol. This was difficult because the Des Moines schools changed their early dismissal day to Wednesday. "This put a hitch on the scheduling of performances because we usually preformed on these days," said junior Missy Knowles. **Another** group that tried to get the word out about drugs and alcohol was SADD. **Dead** for a day and Red Ribbon Week were two major events for the organization. "People are going to drink no matter what, but with this organization we can get the message out," said senior Sarah Bidney. **Members** not only gave something to others, but received something in return. Senior Casey Abler said, "I gained leadership skills. Being in groups that help you do things you believe in lets you be a leader in the group." **spread** by Alycia Comer



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Q/A

1. How does one join Student Council?

- a > annoy everyone as much as possible
- b > promise to put vending machines in all classrooms
- c > get the most votes in your grade

2. What are their responsibilities?

- a > nothing
- b > all homecoming activities, community service and representing the student body
- c > harassing Mr. Dounda and Mr. Harswick

3. Who had the most tardies to meetings?

- a > Justin Ehm
- b > Mr. Dale Dounda
- c > Edward McAtee

4. Why be in Student Council?

- a > learn to be a leader and get involved at school
- b > to get out of school and go to the Drake Leadership Conference
- c > to spend more time with Mr. Harswick

ANSWERS: 1. c 2. b 3. c 4. a



STUDENT COUNCIL. Alicia Baumgarn, Kristin Sorrells, Grant Patterson, Sharon Ehm, Wes Nyberg. ROW 2. Megan Lehman, Jessica Smeltzer, Alicia Frasier, Laura Remer. ROW 3. Sara Hill, Rachel Bryant, Mitch Kunert, Justin Ehm, Ashley Bengard.

Justin Ehm, senior Student Body President

"Throughout the class of the year race, it was great to see the increase in students' support at all the activities, especially the smaller events that don't usually draw a large crowd."



Running back and forth,

senior representative Alicia Frasier finishes her conversation with the TV 8 camera guy. Frasier was in charge of the homecoming parade and said, "The parade was a huge success due to the nice weather and everyone's cooperation."

photo by Anne Sciorrotta



GOOD IDEA: KISSING UP TO YOUR CLASSMATES TO GET ELECTED

BAD IDEA: THREATENING YOUR OPPONENTS TO WIN THE ELECTION

Decorating her class

float, junior representative Sharon Ehm places plants on it for the parade. Floats were just one of the items that Student Council voted on during homecoming for class of the year points. During the week, students competed in dressing up, Rock Around the Clock and attendance at the football game. *photo by Anne Sciorrotta*

After donating her

own blood, senior representative Kristin Sorrells works at the concessions table during the blood drive. Blood donors were required to have two glasses of water and juice to help replenish the fluids in their body after giving blood.

photo by Wes Nyberg



Behind

Student Council represented the

The

school without recognition

Scenes

Throughout the summer, when most students weren't thinking about school, Student Council was at work preparing for the next year. "We started early planning things," said freshman representative Grant Patterson. "This was my first year in Student Council, and I didn't know how much responsibility and effort actually went into it." **Along** with homecoming, Student Council also planned many other activities. "We do lots of events. During Christmas we sponsor a family, we plan the blood drive with NHS and keep track of class of the year points," said senior Sara Hill, student body vice-president. **Student** Council's main goal was to represent the school in a positive way. Junior representative Ed McAtee said, "We do lots of jobs that we don't take credit for, but we always try to represent our school to the best of our ability." **Spread by** Wesley Nyberg



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1. What was the theme for Class Day?

- a > These are the Days
- b > Times to Remember
- c > Welcome to the Jungle

2. Where was Senior Breakfast held?

- a > Hyperion Field Club
- b > STARC Armory
- c > the high school cafeteria

3. How does one join Junior/Senior Board?

- a > submit a five page essay on a favorite high school class
- b > carve JHS into the top of Mount Everest
- c > fill out an application and get a teacher recommendation

4. Who are the advisors of Junior/Senior Board?

- a > What advisors?
- b > Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny
- c > Mrs. Joyce Rash, Mr. Jerry Stratton and Mrs. Kelly Neiber

ANSWERS: 1. b 2. a 3. c 4. c



JUNIOR/SENIOR BOARD. Sharon Ehm, Dan Kuster, Ryan McGowan. ROW 2. Casey Abler, Lauren Pendergraft, Sara Hill, Angie Hefner, Kristin Sorrells.

Mrs. Joyce Rash, faculty

"They (Junior/Senior Board) were a group who wanted to get things done right away. They didn't put things off. They got done fast and moved on to the next job on their list."



Chowing down on a piece of bacon, senior Jared Grant begins to feast on his full plate of food. Students feasted on the food catered by Hyperion that included crepes, scrambled eggs and hashbrowns. photo by Jen Goode



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Before the lights dim, senior Lauren Pendergraft organizes the Class Day script. Each member of Junior/Senior Board took a turn at the podium announcing speakers or senior award winners. *photo by Anne Sciorrotta*

Receiving her honor cord, senior Shana Sellers shakes Dr. James Casey's hand. Gold cords were awarded to the top 15 percent of the senior class and white cords were given to the top three percent. *photo by Anne Sciorrotta*



Planning

Junior/Senior Board completed their

A Final

job of saying good-bye to the senior class

Farewell

As the year came to a close, members of the Junior/Senior Board sacrificed their Sunday afternoons to meet together. Their first task was to organize the Senior Breakfast. It was held at Hyperion Field Club, where the seniors indulged themselves in breakfast foods while listening to speakers. Among them were Mr. Dennis Briggs and Mr. Mike Halder. "We tried to pick teachers who everyone had in class or had known at some point," said senior Casey Abler. "We also wanted to choose teachers who had something positive to say about the senior class." **Next** on the agenda was to set up Class Day. "As a junior member I was in charge of preparing and reading the script, putting up decorations and lining up the seniors," said junior Dan Kuster. **Together** the Junior/Senior Board worked hard to successfully give the senior class a formal and memorable farewell. *spread by Annie Nicki Sciorrotta*

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Q/A

1. The Boone YMCA's camp food was
a > the best ever eaten
b > better than mom's
c > macaroni and weiners

2. Chapel Point is used for
a > a make-out place
b > meditation
c > a cool place to go on a hike

3. Campers go to Leadership camp
a > to become more of a leader
b > because there was a test that day in science
c > for the wonderful food

4. The best part of the cabins were
a > the rats
b > campers got to be with friends
c > the truth or dare games

5. The best skit was
a > Mr. Harswick's version of "I'm Too Sexy"
b > one of those dating games
c > their own skit

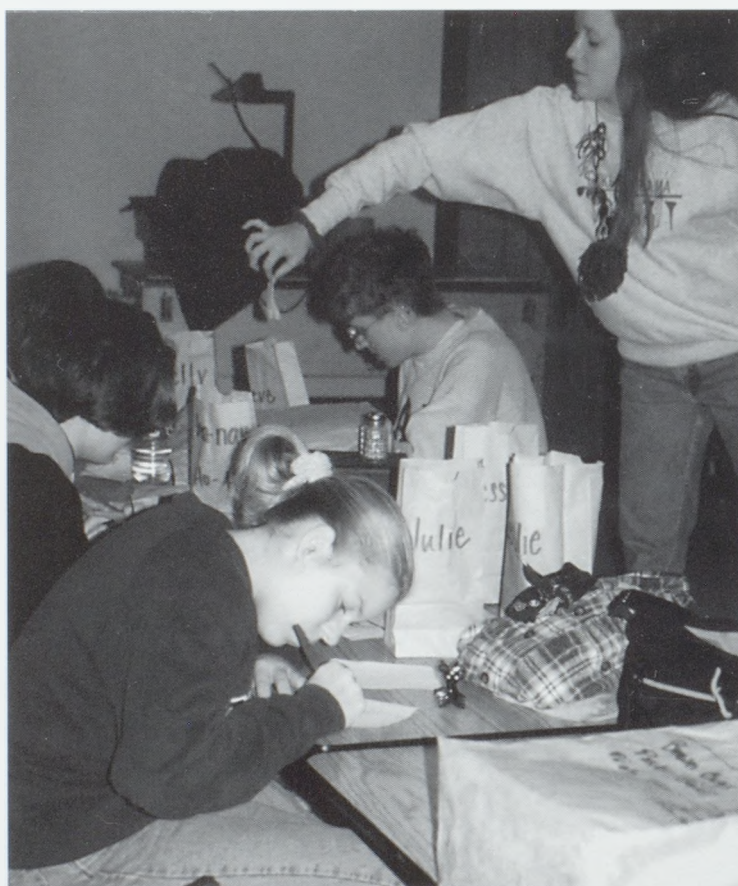
ANSWERS: 1. c 2. c 3. a 4. b 5. c



SAIL. Missy Knowles, Jenny Hunter, Millie Smith, Shauna Sleep. ROW 2. Alyssa Friedow, Ellen Bryant, Kelli Wong, Shelby Sleep, Andy Vis. ROW 3. Sharon Ehm, Tammy Walz, Dana Schultz, Sarah Nichols, Justin Ehm.

Betsy Sanders, freshman

"Late at night, some friends and I snuck out and went to play in the treehouse. It was really dark, and we couldn't see anything, but it was fun and we never got caught."



Sophomore Julie Heffling

writes out a note for sophomore Steve Good's bag of good feelings.

After exchanging compliments and memories with small group members, students delivered them to other special friends. photo by Leslie McAttee



GOOD IDEA: STAYING OVERNIGHT AT THE BOONE YMCA

BAD IDEA: REPEATEDLY DRIVING BACK AND FORTH FOR ACTIVITIES

The tradition continues

as senior Jeff Allen reads the story "The Tale of the Warm Fuzzies." Senior SAIL leaders were appointed to do special tasks such as the "Hug Skit" and the hanging of the Leadership flag, photo by Anne Sciorrotta

During the SAIL workshop, senior Jennifer Georgen makes a sign for Deer Valley II, a cabin at the Boone YMCA Camp. At the workshop, Sail leaders made warm fuzzies, decorated signs and ate pizza. photo by Anne Sciorrotta



Three Days of Fun

Retreat was changed by new
organizers and still liked by students

The buses were all unloaded and the Leadership flag had been raised. In years past, students were welcomed by Mrs. Mary Ann Morris. But this time the duty was shared by two teachers, Mrs. Michelle Vos and Mr. Rick Brooks. They took over the job after Morris moved to Illinois. "The retreat was kind of different. You could tell there were new leaders because of all the new activities," said junior Carolyn Merrill. Along with new activities, such as problem solving and different speakers, the SAIL leaders also had to take more responsibility since many adult supervisors couldn't attend. "There was more freedom than last year. That was good because it gave us more time to be with our friends," said sophomore Nate Smock. After three days of activities, small group discussions and fun, the Leadership flag was lowered until next time. spread by Leslie McAtee

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Reviewing her

story for the *JHS Black and White*, sophomore Emily Slattery lounges on the journalism couch. This was Slattery's first year on the newspaper staff. photo by Kristin Sorrells

Fixing a page layout, junior Andy Verlengia colors in a photo box. Verlengia was new to the staff, coming from a different school. "I felt bad because I didn't have to go through the interview process like everyone else. I was allowed on the staff because I was on the yearbook staff at my old school," said Verlengia. photo by Kristin Sorrells

Being

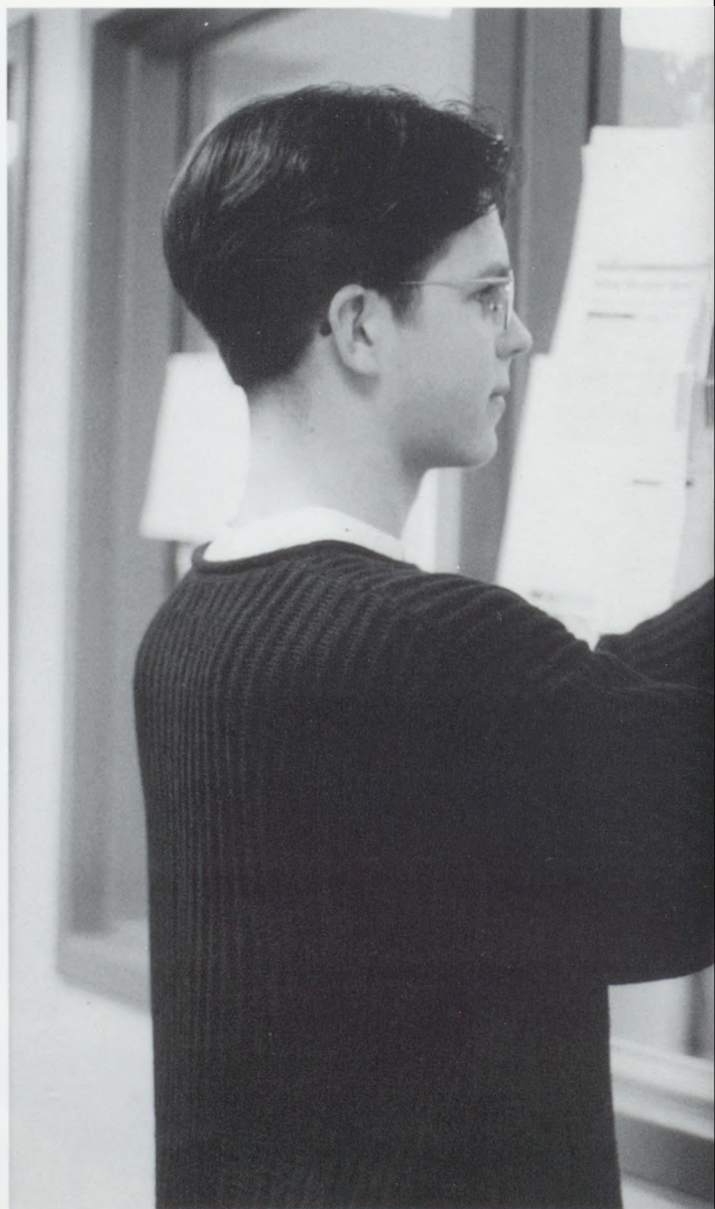
Although the personalities weren't

More Of An

clicking, the dedication was still there

Individual

With only four people from the previous year, the newspaper staff was made up of many new and unexperienced members. The staff not only had newbies to start off the year, but they also experienced new staffers at mid-semester - Merrin Rose and Genevieve Ramsay. The newspaper staff took most of the year getting to know each other. Senior editor Emily Betz said, "The staff was more individualistic this year. We didn't act much like a team and the personalities just weren't clicking, but we've been motivated to put out more pages." Although the new staff was made up of a diverse group of people, they felt that the interest in the paper was greater among the student readers because of the new columns and editorials. "Since we began writing eight pages, I've noticed student interest has increased," said Merrin Rose. spread by Kristin Sorrells



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Kelli Brown, junior

"The first deadline took us an extra four days for paste up because not everyone knew what they were doing. It set us back for the rest of the year."



NEWSPAPER. Genevieve Ramsay, Emily Slattery, Emily Brown, Merrin Rose, Emily Betz. ROW 2. Kim Kohles, Rachel Webster, Andy Verlengia. ROW 3. Patrick Midtlyng, Nathan Benn, Mark Hansen (not pictured: Kelli Brown).

Q/A

1. How late does newspaper stay on paste up nights?

a > until everyone falls asleep

b > until Shipp kicks everyone out

c > as soon as every page is perfected

2. How does newspaper decide who gets what story?

a > wrestle each other for them

b > vote in confidentiality

c > it doesn't matter, the editors change everything anyway

3. How are people selected to be on the newspaper staff?

a > anyone can get in

b > submit different pieces of writing that are read and voted on

c > it's based on their cooking skills

4. How often does the newspaper come out?

a > twice a quarter

b > whenever the staff gets finished; there are no deadlines

c > it doesn't matter, we don't meet deadlines

ANSWERS: 1. c 2. b 3. b 4. a



Flipping through

a book of pictures, seniors Emily Brown and Mark Hansen search for clip art. Hansen was a first year member and felt that his column, *Cranberry Sauce*, received interesting responses. "Some people, like freshmen, didn't understand it. Others say it's the first thing they read," Hansen said. photo by Kristin Sorrells

GOOD IDEA: FINISH YOUR STORY EARLY

BAD IDEA: START INTERVIEWS THE NIGHT OF PASTE UP

Q/A

1. The yearbook staff was dominated by

- a > Team Pen15
- b > Team G
- c > Fredrick O'Hare

2. What did Team Pen15 discuss at their bi-weekly meetings?

- a > their next page
- b > Kristy Swanson
- c > polyprotic acids

3. Why be on the yearbook staff?

- a > to see the "all seasons tree"
- b > to hear the great variety of X-mas music
- c > to take free pictures of anything you want

4. How did the yearbook staff spend most of their time?

- a > revising
- b > waiting for the printer
- c > waiting for Team G to stop "discussing"

5. What was the best food during deadline nights?

- a > tuna casserole
- b > ice cream clowns
- c > pizza

ANSWERS: 1. a 2. b 3. c 4. b 5. b



YEARBOOK. GIRLS. Leslie Shipp, Anne Sciorrotta, Kate Vocelka, Emily Miller, Jennifer White, Kristin Sorrells, Jen Goode, Michelle Norton, Jennifer Gleason, Alycia Comer, Leslie McAtee, Tammy Walz, Alyssa Friedow. **GUYS.** Wes Nyberg, Tim Keck, Ed McAtee.

Timmy Keck, senior

"The split between the men and the chicks on the staff made us guys bond together. They won some of the battles, but we won the war."



Shielding his eyes, junior Wes Nyberg uses his hands to block the green spray. Senior Alyssa Friedow helped members of the yearbook staff spray their hair green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day and relieve some of the tension on deadline night. photo by Ed McAtee



GOOD IDEA: BEING ON THE YEARBOOK STAFF

BAD IDEA: BEING ON THE NEWSPAPER STAFF

After rummaging through her drawer, junior Tammy Walz searches for a picture that she can use on her page. A lot of time was spent finding pictures people stole and making sure they fit in the layouts. *photo by Anne Sciorrotta*

One of the few times

seen on the computer, sophomore Leslie McAtee types in one of her captions for her page. McAtee was one of the members of Team G. Even though Team G thought they were the best, all of the members of Team Pen15 finished before anyone on Team G did. *photo by Wes Nyberg*



Males

The opposite theme carried through

vs.

the staff as well as through the book

Females

The year started in the summer with ad sales. The staff had a new look with a 4:1 girl to guy ratio and a new idea for the ads. "The staff had trouble deciding where to put the them," said senior Kristin Sorrells. "After many hours, we decided to put them at the bottom of the page for more exposure." **Advertisements** and the theme of the book were the first things to split the staff. During "discussions," members of the staff made their own teams. Junior Ed McAtee said, "Instead of talking, the guys would chat, so we decided to make a team against the women." The formation of Team Pen15 forced the women to make their own team (Team G) and the war was on. "I liked the competition between us; it added variety to the staff and made the class more fun," said sophomore Michelle Norton. The war continued, but they worked together to bring you *The Ins and Outs*. *spread by Wesley Nyberg*



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Gazing at his

golf ball, sophomore Patrick Midtlyng waits for it to land on the green at Jester. The

boys' golf season was changed from the fall to the spring, allowing players to practice more over the summer. *photo by Alyssa Freidow*



Buff/Weak

The varsity softball team **weat/didn't** go the farthest

ever in districts (pp. 104-105) ■ The boys' golf season was in

the **spring/fall** (pp. 108-109) ■ North Polk helped/hurt the

girls' cross country team (pp. 110-111) ■ The track team was

healthy/sick while running **fast/slow** (pp. 142-143) ■ New/

Old coaches brought **winning/losing** records for the volley-

ball teams (pp. 112-115) ■ The swim team did a lot of **men-**

tal/physical preparations for races (pp. 120-121, 124-125) ■

The cheerleaders and Danz team made the school spirit **high/**

low while **booing/supporting** the teams (pp. 122-123) ■ The

girls'/boys' basketball team finished with the **best/worst**

record in school history (pp. 126-133) ■ The varsity football

team **made it/came close** to the state championship game

(pp. 116-117) ■ The **guys'/gals'** soccer team had a **splendid/**

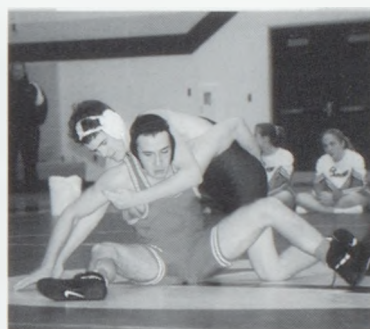
lousy season (pp. 136-137) ■ The varsity baseball team **lost/**

won the conference championship with **few/many** seniors

(pp. 106-107) ■ spread by Michelle Norton



Performing at the homecoming pep assembly, sophomores Katie Stricklin and Casaundra Christensen do a cheer for the crowd. The cheerleaders' responsibilities ranged from making locker signs and goodie bags for the players to cheering at games and organizing pep assemblies. *photo by Anne Sciorrotta*



Trying to prevent his opponent from getting a reversal, freshman Dirk Bushman attempts to maintain his position. Bushman's goals were to win, get stronger and wrestle better. It was a rebuilding year for the team because they only had one senior, who was out for the season due to injury. *photo by Jenn Gleason*



Keeping a steady pace with the other runners, junior Celeste Six runs in the Johnston Invitational. Six finished the race with a time of 14:39:91. "At the end of a race if my legs aren't numb, I didn't push myself hard enough," said Six. "If I can't stand up without pain, I didn't accomplish what I wanted to." *photo by Anne Sciorrotta*



As her name is announced to the crowd, junior Heidi Kiester slaps her teammates' hands before the start of a game against Pella Christian. "Volleyball was lots of fun this year because our team developed strong friendships and we played very well together," said Kiester, who played middle. *photo by Michelle Norton*

Varsity

31-13

Perry 6-3
Nevada 5-1
North 11-1
Atlantic 15-1
Valley 0-2
Roosevelt 3-0
Indianola 1-3
Winterset 7-0
Clarke 1-2
SC West 1-4
Linn-Marr 8-2
Arms-Ring 9-0
Pella 9-0
SE Polk 10-3
Waukee 6-2
Norwalk 3-0
Dowling 2-3
Ames 1-0
Boone 0-1
Carroll Kemper 3-2
Pella Christian 1-0
Carlisle 2-3
Dowling 2-4
Clarke 12-1
Colfax-Mingo 9-3
Estherville 3-1
New London 10-0
Winterset 0-3
Nevada 10-0
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DC Grimes 10-0
North 5-0
Norwalk 0-1
Boone 2-0
Pella Christian 9-0
Pleasantville 3-1
Indianola 0-1
CAM 3-1
Carlisle 5-6
Saydel 2-1
SE Polk 5-0
Boone 4-1
Districts
Urbandale 1-3



VARSITY SOFTBALL. Rachel Bryant, Heidi Kiester, Sarah Nichols, Jodee Kennel, Kate Vocelka, Kate Jones, Shauna Sleep. **ROW 2.** Kellie Barney, Lacey Corcoran, Kyla Kiester, Dana Schultz, Kelly Clarkson, Shelby Sleep. **ROW 3.** Coach Jerry Kiester, Laura Block, Tara Lashley, Kelly Sloan, Amanda Thomas, Kelli Brown, Coach Justin Carlson.



JV SOFTBALL. Shauna Sleep, Kellie Barney, Kate Vocelka, Carrie Schroeder, Rachel Bryant. **ROW 2.** Alycia Comer, Angela Jennings, Tara Lashley, Shelby Sleep. **ROW 3.** Coach Jerry Kiester, Shea Braune, Kelli Brown, Amanda Thomas, Amy Martens, Coach Justin Carlson.

FACTS & FIGURES

Varsity

Most RBIs	Lacey Corcoran, 30
Highest Batting Average	Kyla Kiester, .410
Best lucky charm	hair tie or sports bra
Best burper	Heidi Kiester
Best shoes	Kyla Kiester's taped up cleats

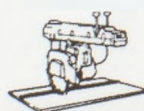
JV

Most RBIs	Amanda Thomas, 14
Highest Batting Average	Shauna Sleep, .371
Best lucky charm	Shea Braune's Pocahontas feather
Best burper	Amanda Thomas
Best shoes	Kelly Sloan



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Movin' Up

Varsity softball progressed the furthest ever in districts

spread by Jennifer White and Tammy Jo Walz



Lacey Corcoran, sophomore

"The thing that pulled us together was that we had hung out together all summer and at nighttime too, since we had a game almost every night. We even slept over on the field. We knew each other so well, plus we were just good." *photo by Emily Miller*

Sarah Nichols, senior

"The biggest achievement of the varsity team was the first district game against Urbandale and losing by only two runs. Districts was exciting because of all the news coverage, but it was sad because we probably could have won." *photo by Emily Miller*



Throwing one of her usual pitches, senior Kyla Kiester delivers a no-hitter. The varsity team was ranked 15th in class 4A. The season ended with a two-run loss to Urbandale. *photo by Jerry Kiester*

During the varsity girls' and boys' scrimmage game, junior Tara Lashley advances to first base as graduate Josh Twedt starts a conversation about the game. The final score was 4-4. *photo by Emily Miller*



Coach Justin Carlson

"I decided to resign because I've done what I set out to accomplish. I also had an opportunity to work at the college level in girls' basketball at the University of Colorado. In four years, we won a lot and brought prestige to the team." *photo by Tammy Walz*

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Ankeny 2-6
Pella Christian 11-1
JHS Inv. 1st Place
Carlisle 1-0
Clarke 19-0
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Saydel Inv. no place
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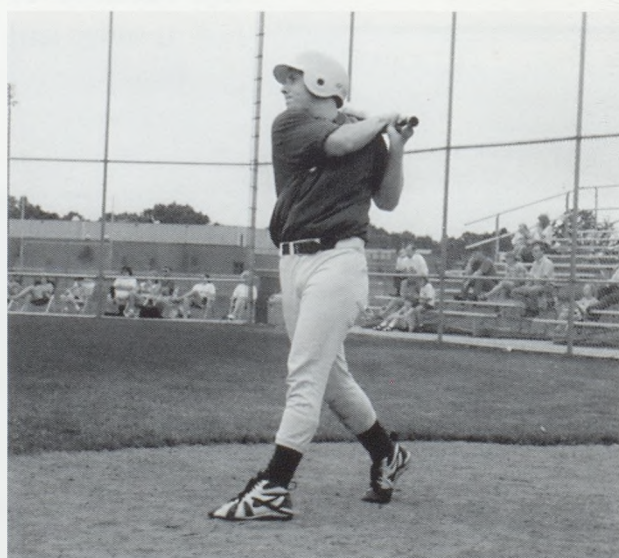
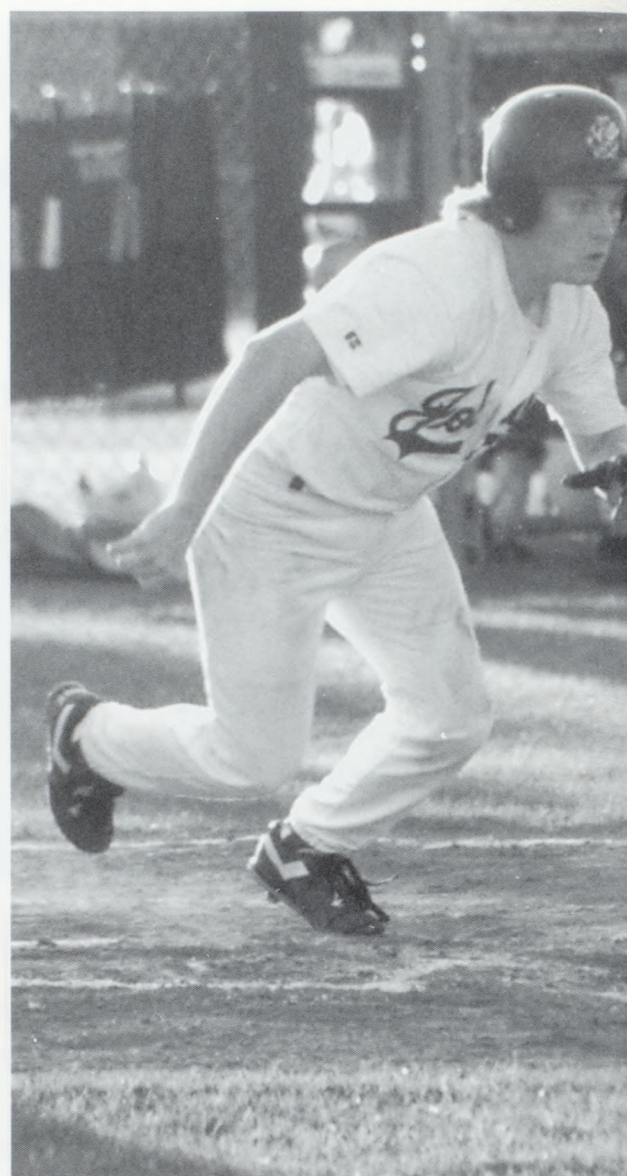
Varsity Baseball. Tim Halling, Matt Simpson, Jeremy Comer, Cory Liljedahl, Nick Baker, John Tyrrel, Shaun Riley, Jason Ceretti, Brent Whipps. **ROW 2.** Jon Ross, Barry Sullivan, Ryan Gray, Josh Twedt, Cody Koch, Greg Olsen, Brian King, Keith Hoppe, Zac Christensen, Dan Sundblad.



Junior Varsity Baseball. Jason Ceretti, Nick Baker, Jeff Allen, Brandon Young. **ROW 2.** Dan Sundblad, Mark Oiler, Keith Hoppe, Tim Keck, Josh Fausch, John Tyrrel, Chris Thunig.

FACTS & FIGURES

First Team All-Conference	Tim Halling, catcher Cody Koch, infield Greg Olsen, infield Jon Ross, outfield Josh Twedt, pitcher
Tallest player	Cody Koch, 6'4"
Shortest player	Jeremy Comer, 5'6"
Highest batting average	Jon Ross, .530
Best ERA	Jon Ross, 1.10
Most wins	Josh Twedt, 9
Most doubles	Greg Olsen, 10
Most triples	Brent Whipps, 5
Most home runs	Cory Liljedahl, 5
Most RBIs	Cory Liljedahl, 38
Most stolen bases	Jon Ross, 17
Team batting average	.355



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Everyone played an active role in winning the conference championship

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Greg Olsen, graduate

"The high point of the season was in the Boone game. We beat them by 10 runs and it was a great feeling to punish those guys. Everyone, including Coach Mahoney, was really excited about the win and thought we'd end the season strong." *photo by Jen Goode*

Dan Sundblad, senior

"One of our team's leaders was graduate Jon Ross. He led our team in a quiet way. He wasn't a vocal leader, but he led through performance. Ross was a big pitcher we used in big games to shut down the opponent."

photo by Jen Goode



At the 3A District final round game against Saydel, graduate Jeremy Comer takes off for first base. The Dragons lost 4-2 to end the season, and Comer finished the season with a .400 batting average. *photo by Jen Goode*

Before stepping up to the plate in a JV game, senior Shaun Riley gets his timing down. Riley was one of four seniors who saw varsity action during the season. *photo by Jen Goode*



Tim Halling, graduate

"I'm not going to miss playing baseball as much as I'm going to miss the team. My best memories came from practices with the guys and Coach Mahoney. We had a great group of seniors who worked and gelled together really well." *photo by Jen Goode*

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The boys' golf team changed from class 3A to 4A

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Shane Smith, junior

"It was a down season for me because nothing seemed to work right. I had difficulties this year from a lack of confidence and a lack of practice. I felt that the team in general didn't do too bad." *photo by Alyssa Friedow*



Matt Bean, senior

"I liked golfing in the fall much better than the spring because we had all summer to practice. People will really take advantage of having extra time so they can improve their scores in the fall." *photo by Alyssa Friedow*

Mitch Kunert, senior

"The competition went from farm boys in 3A to city guys in 4A. The 4A schools have better players because they are bigger schools, but we are very small and have less people to choose from for players." *photo by Alyssa Friedow*



Scrubbing the dirt

off his driving club, junior Nick Parenza prepares for the meet against Boone. "I thought I improved a lot this year, but I still have a long way to go," said Parenza. *photo by Alyssa Friedow*

Holding the

number nine position on the boys' golf team, sophomore Andy Shanley putts for par. This was Shanley's first year on the team. *photo by Alyssa Friedow*

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Jason Reber, senior

"Shawn Heuss got a 23 on a hole because he hit nine balls out of bounds. Then the player on the other team told him that he really had a score of 24. Heuss was very ticked."



BOYS' GOLF. Joey Bass, A.J. Bilbrey, Chuck Hamilton, Kyle Campbell, Matt Gaukler. **ROW 2.** Jason Reber, Matt Reber, Mitch Kunert, Miles Kirkpatrick, Pat Midtlyng, Michael McCown.

Boys' Golf 5-1

S.E. Polk 181-170
Lincoln 181-173
Ankeny 182-177
Valley 180-177
Boone 68-157
Lincoln 180-164
Ames Inv. 5th
Sectionals 5th
Districts 6th

FACTS & FIGURES

Boys' Golf

Tallest	Brian Sheeks, 6'3"
Shortest	Chuck Hamilton, 5'6"
Biggest feet	Mike McCown, 13
Longest putt	Miles Kirkpatrick, 90 ft
Longest drive	Brian Sheeks, 350 yds
Most balls in water	Andy Shanley
Number one position	Nick Parenza
Best at sand shots	Nick Parenza
Most improved	Miles Kirkpatrick
Best motivator	Nick Parenza
Scored a hole in one	Andy Shanley Brian Sheeks Miles Kirkpatrick



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Varsity Girls

Johnston Inv. 2nd
Ballard Inv. 3rd
Johnston Inv. 3rd
Newton Inv. 7th
Nevada Inv. 3rd
Perry Inv. 3rd
Norwalk Inv. 1st
LCH 3rd
Districts 11th

Varsity Boys

Johnston Inv. 3rd
Ballard Inv. 5th
Johnston Inv. 2nd
Newton Inv. 8th
Nevada Inv. 5th
Perry Inv. 7th
Norwalk Inv. 5th
LCH 5th
Districts 15th



GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY. Kate Vocelka, Angel Sheriff, Celeste Six. **ROW 2.** Randi Goodrich, Cindy Loffler, Allison Bunce, Angela Jennings, Meredith Calhoun, Angie Cornelius, Jessica Grewel. **ROW 3.** Jamie Stinde, Courtney Hoppenworth, Jessica Way, Lindsey Brumback, Kelly Andersen, Jennifer Georgen, Sarah Martin, Amy Stewart, Manager Emily Sloan, Coach Craig Oldham



BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY. Ted Christakos, Chris Uchytel, Dennis Dane, Ryan McGowan, Matthew Skeens, Jose Tovar. **ROW 2.** Damian Ingersoll, Todd Bass, Jason Brehmer, Jonathan Hardy, Brent Loss, Michael Porter, Nick Munoz.

FACTS & FIGURES

Biggest competition	Boone
Hardest course	Knoxville
<u>Girls</u>	
Record time	Angel Sheriff (NP), 12:32
Threw up the most	Kate Vocelka
Biggest whiner	Allison Bunce
Best hair for districts	Jessica Way
<u>Boys</u>	
Fastest time	Ryan McGowan, 17:46
Most valuable runner	Dennis Dane
Most dedicated	Ryan McGowan
Best hair for districts	Michael Porter



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Tough as Nails

Runners developed strong bonds on and off the course

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John Good, sophomore

"Ryan McGowan decided that we were going to braid our hair for districts so we would stand out. It caught a lot of attention from the other teams. Some of them thought we looked like freaks and expressed their feelings to us." *photo by Kate Vocelka*

Cindy Loffler, left
Jessica Grewel, right

Cindy Loffler, sophomore

"This year North Polk girls joined our team (last year they ran with Ankeny). When I first heard they were coming I wasn't excited, but we all became friends. The seniors were good leaders and helped our team a lot by scoring points." *photo by Anne Sciorrotta*



While avoiding a muddy puddle, sophomore Amy Stewart begins her second lap at the rainy Johnston Invitational. Stewart crossed the finish line with a time of 16:41, enabling the team to place third at the meet. *photo by Anne Sciorrotta*

During the Newton

Invitational, sophomore Dennis Dane tries to catch up with a Southeast Polk runner. Dane finished the race with a time of 17:54. Before every meet, Dane's ritual was to eat Powerbars, Power Gel and drink lots of water. *photo by Anne Sciorrotta*



Angela Jennings, freshman

"After a Johnston meet we had a picnic in the rain. We decided to swim in Saylorville Lake and have a mud fight. We were so dirty we washed off in the guys' bathroom. Mr. Beason yelled at us because we had smeared mud everywhere." *photo by Anne Sciorrotta*

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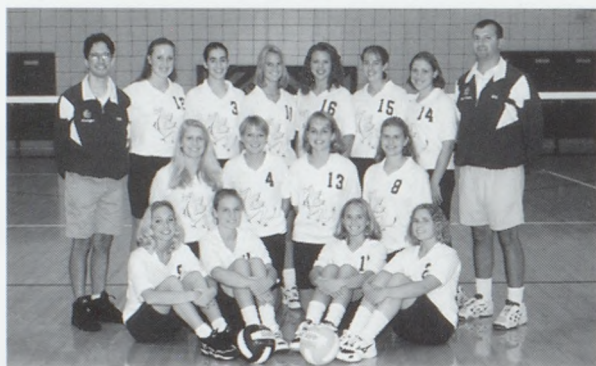
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Varsity 28-9-2

WDM Valley 2-3
Pella 2-0
CF NU High 1-1
CR Regis 2-0
Oskaloosa 0-2
CR LaSalle 2-0
Pella 3-1
Grinnell 3-0
Marshalltown 2-0
SE Polk 2-1
Nevada 2-0
Colo-Nesco 2-0
GP Baptist 0-2
Ballard 2-0
GP Baptist 0-2
Pella Christian 3-0
Winterset 3-0
DM East 2-0
Marshalltown 0-2
WC Hull 1-1
Eldora NP 0-2
Boone 3-0
Pella Christian 2-0
Centerville 2-0
North Mahaska 0-2
Oskaloosa 2-0
North Mahaska 2-0
Marshalltown 2-0
Knoxville 3-1
Clarke 2-0
DM North 2-0
Newton 2-0
SE Polk 2-1
Newton 2-1
Oskaloosa 0-2
Norwalk 3-2
Tournaments
CR Wash. 3rd
Ballard 2nd
Urbandale 3rd
Oskaloosa 1st
Regionals
Dowling 3-1
WDM Valley 3-1
Marshalltown 2-3

Shelly Nissen, junior

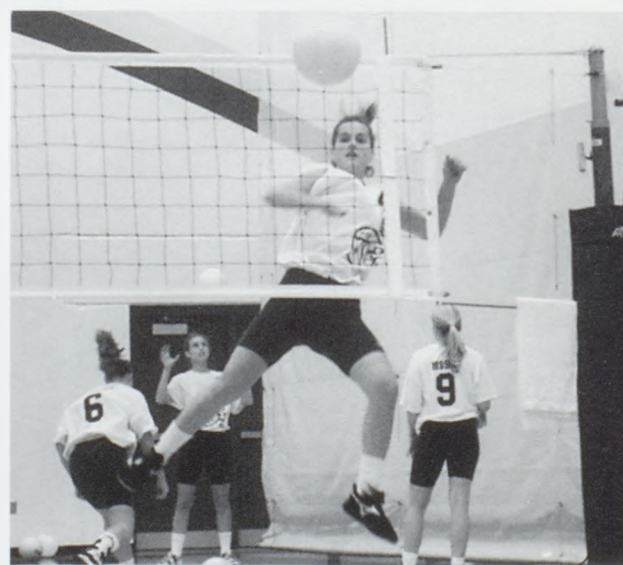
"We were supposed to go to Oskaloosa, but the driver took us to Osceola. We were on the bus forever. People had to go to the bathroom so bad that they peed in a plastic bag and threw it in the garbage."



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL. Tara Lashley, Kelly Sloan, Jeny Oderkirk, Laura Oderkirk. **ROW 2.** Shelly Nissen, Heidi Kiester, Lacey Corcoran, Dana Schultz. **ROW 3.** Manager Kevin Anderson, Alyssa Friedow, Christine Notis, Paige Stover, Kyla Kiester, Morgan Cavanaugh, Jana Yanders, Coach Rick Brooks

FACTS & FIGURES

Tallest	Alyssa Friedow, 5'10"
Shortest	Laura Oderkirk, 5'4"
Most kills	Lacey Corcoran, 435
Most assists	Tara Lashley, 998
Most digs	Lacey Corcoran, 431
Most blocks	Heidi Kiester, 113
Most aces	Lacey Corcoran, 56
Best encourager	Kyla Kiester
Best stat keepers	Kelly Sloan Shelly Nissen
Most dedicated	Christine Notis
Best shoes	Shelly Nissen, Nikes
Biggest competition	Oskaloosa
Best game	Valley, regional game
Captains	Kyla Kiester Paige Stover



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Setting Standards

High goals accounted for the success of the volleyball team

spread by Michelle Norton



Kyla Kiester, senior

"Knoxville was a tough game because we had no clue what they were going to be like. There was pressure because we were playing for a conference title. We basically dominated the game and ended up as the undefeated conference champions." *photo by Anne Sciorrotta*

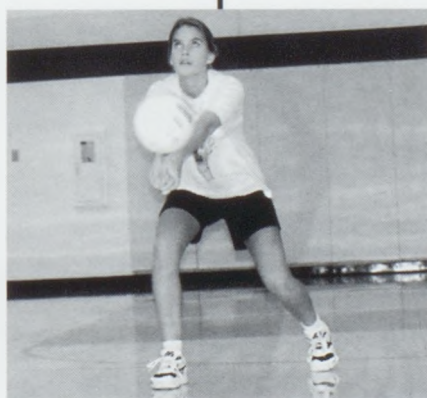
Christine Notis, senior

"The Valley game was awesome when the football jocks came in and were doing cheers. We knew we had crowd support because all of our parents came, but it's always fun to get the high school crowd into it." *photo by Michelle Norton*



Tossing the ball in
the air, junior Tara Lashley prepares to make a powerful serve. Lashley and Corcoran made first team all-conference, Schultz and Notis made second team all-conference and Heidi Kiester and Stover received honorable mention. *photo by Michelle Norton*

Pounding the ball
down, sophomore Lacey Corcoran warms up for a match against Knoxville. Corcoran said, "I like the feeling when the ball goes straight down and no one can get it." She also made fourth team all-state. *photo by Michelle Norton*



Paige Stover, senior

"We were a very ambitious team. We had eight team goals and worked hard to accomplish them. At times, the whole team struggled with serving, which can make or break a game. So serving 90% was an important goal." *photo by Michelle Norton*

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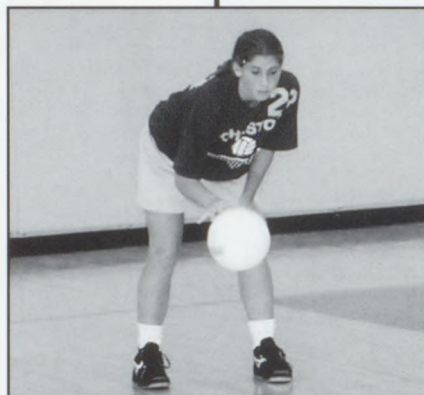
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Players acquired friendships and winning attitudes

spread by Leslie McAtee and Cheryl Larson

Libby Hietbrink, freshman

"The serving rules changed this year in that we can serve anywhere behind the back-line and between the side-lines. I still serve in the back right corner because that's how I've always done it and that's where I'm comfortable." *photo by Leslie McAtee*



Theresa Timmins, junior

"I loved being on the JV team because it was so much fun. Some of us got to be really good friends and did stuff outside of practice. Our team was unique because everyone was at the same level and we really played well together." *photo by Cheryl Larson*

Sarah Morris, sophomore

"At the beginning of the season our team had a few conflicts with Coach Troutman's style of coaching. We learned that getting used to a new coach is difficult, but all of us got through it and became more of a team in the process." *photo by Michelle Norton*



Soaring through the air,

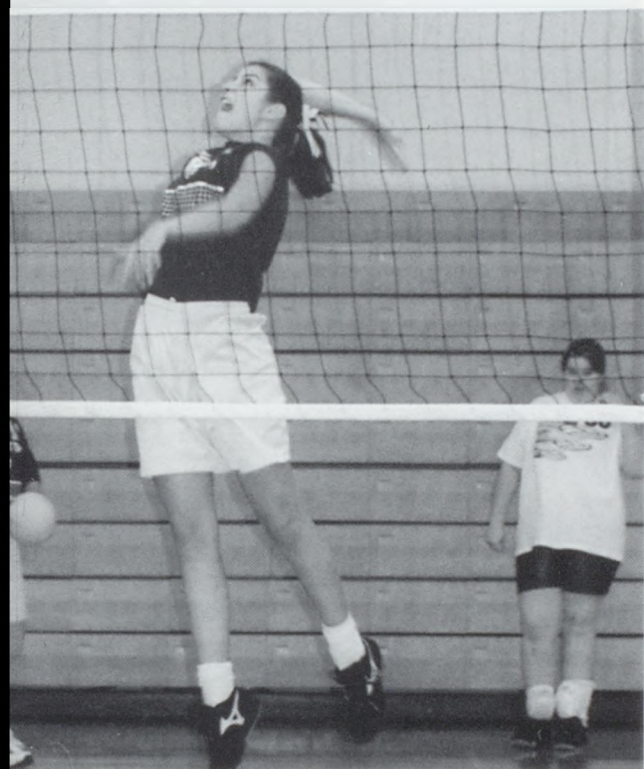
freshman Ashley Bengard prepares to spike the ball during warm-ups at the Johnston Invitational Tournament. The freshmen played against JV teams from other schools due to North not attending. *photo by Michelle Norton*

Watching their oppo-

nents serve the volleyball, freshmen Amie Bobst and Nikki Thies get ready to switch positions. Thies and Bobst led their team to a win against the freshmen from Pella. *photo by Leslie McAtee*

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JV VOLLEYBALL. Katie Poston. ROW 2. Erin Derby, Sara Madison, Kendra Reames. ROW 3. Michelle Norton, Sarah Morris, Shannon Perkins. ROW 4. Leah Hoffschneider, Katie Weisz, Coach Jennie Troutman, Theresa Timmins, Megan Lehman.



FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL. Amie Bobst, Wendy Palensky. ROW 2. Libby Hietbrink, Melissa Ward. ROW 3. Nikki Thies, Steph Phillips, Micaeloh Morrill, Andee Jo Houle, Ashley Bengard, Kim Elsham, Sarah Tuttle, Anne Waller. ROW 4. Shelley Jones, Leslie Griggs, Monica Inge, Lindsey Griggs, Janie Risinger, Coach Michelle Roquet.

FACTS & FIGURES

JV

Favorite food	Baked Lays
Most aces	Katie Poston
Highest jumper	Katie Weisz
Team motivator	Michelle Norton
Cooldest hair tie	Green ribbons with polka dots

Freshmen

Cooldest shoes	Nikki Thies
Tallest player	Sarah Tuttle
Most dedicated	Leslie Griggs
Most powerful spike	Ashley Bengard
Best song to get pumped up to	"Tootsie Roll" by 69 Boyz

JV 11-11-6

Valley 0-3
Pella 0-3
Pella Christian 0-3
Grinnell 3-0
Oskaloosa 1-1
Pella Christian 1-1
Pella 0-3
Boone 2-1
Knoxville 2-1
Prairie 1-1

Freshmen 13-2-2

Valley 3-0
Pella 3-0
Marshalltown 1-2
S.E. Polk 3-0
Pella Christian 3-0
Boone 3-0
Knoxville 3-0

Scores for away games were not available.

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B.J. Knapp, senior

"We did a lot of things together as a team. We went camping, peed on each other in the shower and went to Iowa football games together. Some of the guys even took each other to home-coming as their dates!"

Varsity 8-3

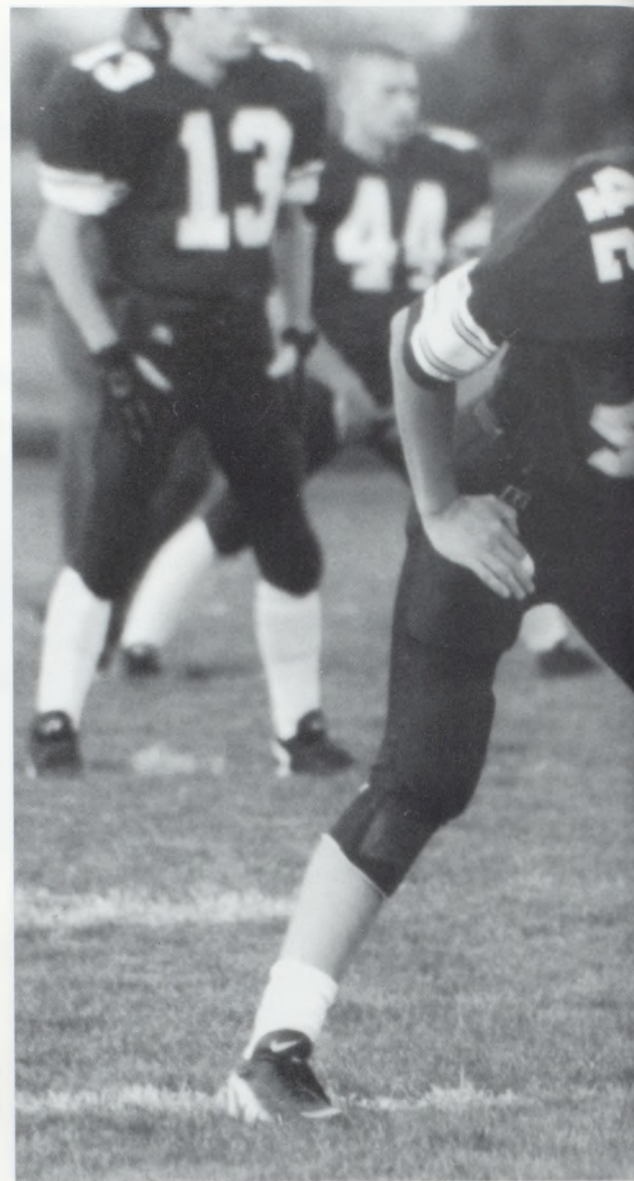
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Pella 6-21
Nevada 42-6
Boone 39-12
JSCP 43-0
ADM 81-26
Saydel 27-14
Perry 51-6
Carroll 27-28
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20-17
Harlan 7-36



VARSITY FOOTBALL. Michelle Tomars, Katie McClure, Stephanie Findley, Becca Tapken. **ROW 2.** Brian Sellner, Seth Elliot, Nate Lamb, Troy Hansen, Chase Burn, Eric Peterson, Adam Foster, Billy Tiernan, Jared Clark. **ROW 3.** Dan Sundblad, B.J. Knapp, Jason Ceretti, Coach Ted Christenson, Coach Fritz Keeling, Coach Gary Auxier, Coach Mike Halder, Trainer Mike Velotta, Coach Spence Evans, Brent Whipps, Tom Myers, Josh Wells. **ROW 4.** Shaun Riley, J.J. Pugh, Adam Nieting, Dave Gray, Chase Young, Keith Hoppe, Brian Wattier, Brad Sewell, Tim Hartschen. **ROW 5.** Chris Williams, Matt Fisher, Casey Hansen, Dan Thompson, Ryan Ruisch, Ken Jones, Adam Davis, Jed Schmidt, Andy Wilson. **ROW 6.** Tim Keck, Nathan Krofta, Chad Larson, Kevin Shafer, Chuck Terhune, Shawn Larson, Kevin Burpee, Isaac Williams.

FACTS & FIGURES

Most rushing yards	Tom Myers, 1,514 yds
Most receiving yards	Chase Young, 450 yds
Most passing yards	Brad Sewell, 1,274 yds
Most tackles	Shaun Riley, 99
Most interceptions	Brent Whipps, 2
Most touchdowns	Tom Myers, 20
Team song	"In the Air Tonight"
Points scored/Average	383/34.8
Total yards	3,874 yds
Defensive player of the year	Jason Ceretti
Offensive player of the year	Tim Keck



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One Step Ahead

The varsity football team had the best finish ever

Coach Mike Halder, left
Casey Hansen, right

spread by Jen Goode and Tammy Jo Walz



Brian Wattier, senior

"I was really upset when Coach Halder left. He was a part of our team, and it felt like they were taking away a piece of us. I thought it should've been the team's decision, not anyone else's, because they weren't out on the field with us." *photo by Jen Goode*

Brent Whipps, junior

"Even though we knew it would be a tough game (Lewis Central), we still thought we'd win because we expected to win every game. We were really happy with that victory because the entire team contributed and everyone played their best." *photo by Jen Goode*



Eric Peterson, left
Keith Hoppe, right



Eric Peterson, junior

"My goal this season was to see playing time. When Chase (Young, senior) hurt his knee, I wasn't thinking about who would fill in. When I found out I was going to kick, I put a lot of pressure on myself. I knew it'd be hard to fill his shoes." *photo by Tammy Walz*

Stretching his muscles

in pre-game warm-ups, senior Ken Jones follows the lead of his senior captains. Jones, a returning letterman, was a defensive end and compiled a total of 58 tackles. He also had three sacks. *photo by Tammy Walz*

Leading the team onto

the field, seniors Tom Myers and Dan Sundblad install some spirit among the varsity players. "We accomplished a lot this year. We played more as a team and were better friends than in years before," said Myers. *photo by Tammy Walz*

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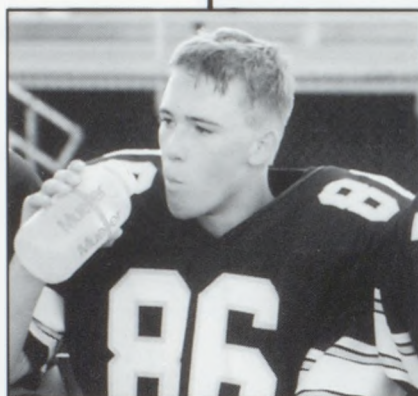
Changing Pace

Teams reorganized with aggression and encouragement

spread by Jenn Gleason and Tammy Walz

Lance Routson, sophomore

"When the coaches yell at you, or you do something wrong, that makes you want to go try again. You'll get the play down and show them you can do it. Then you have confidence that you can do it, and all the practice is worthwhile." *photo by Jenn Gleason*



Nate Lynch, sophomore

"We had to put different people in new positions. There weren't as many players, so we had to play offense and defense. There were some injuries. When John Heth broke his finger, I had to learn the tackle position." *photo by Jenn Gleason*

Scott Vermulm, freshman

"We were encouraged by the coaches to knock people's heads off and get vicious in games. We practiced the plays that we used in the games. Things were more fun than last year, and there was a lot more team unity." *photo by Jenn Gleason*



Teammates Andy

Creger, Chris Ceretti and Zac Parsons pile on a Boone ball carrier during a sophomore game. Creger and other teammates also dressed varsity. "On varsity, we got to see how a winning team works. It takes a lot of hard work and dedication to make a good team," said Creger. *photo by Jenn Gleason*

As Brenden Huewe

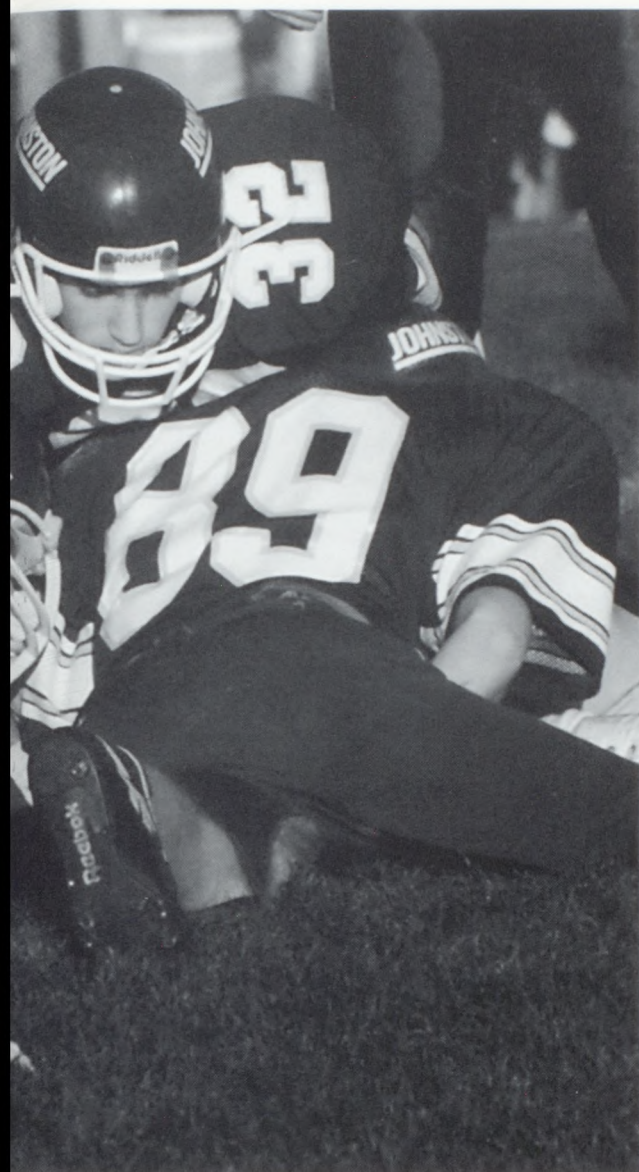
kicks-off. Jason Wheeler runs down the field to tackle in the freshman game against Boone. Because of the number of players, everyone had a different position for each game, so the entire team had the chance to participate. *photo by Jenn Gleason*

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FRESHMAN FOOTBALL. Eric Fritz, Chris Lanpher, Tony Lamb, Jason Wheeler, Brian Burpee, Zac Bronson, Adam Twedt, David Jones. **ROW 2.** Brady Jacobsen, Jeff Robertson, Manager Emily Feaster, Coach Frank Baltzley, Coach Jerry Stratton, Coach Craig Kruger, Manager Shannon McLaughlin, Seth Mars, Mike Raes. **ROW 3.** Joe Townsend, Joel Jacobs, Matt Herrmann, Canyon Atwood, Chris Piper, Ryan Mentele, Jacob Reichling, Ben Lawyer. **ROW 4.** Jeff French, Scott Vermulm, Steve Adkisson, Joel Beary, Brenden Huewe, Andy Sundblad, Ted Rives, Kyle Mertz, Jeremy VanOort. **ROW 5.** Nick Baas, Dirk Bushman, Adam Tillman, Jeremy Burns, Quinn Sypniewski, Adam Walz, Travis Anderson, Damon Myers.



FACTS & FIGURES

Sophomores

Most touchdowns	Eric Scheuchl
Most receptions	Brad Schwarz
Most interceptions	Troy Trobaugh
Most field goals	Pat O'Hollearn

Freshmen

Most touchdowns	Scott Vermulm
Most receptions	Kyle Mertz
Most tackles	Ben Lawyer
Most field goals	Ryan Mentele

Sophomores 1-8

Creston, Lost
Pella 0-23
North Polk 3-22
Boone, Lost
JSPC, Lost
Adel 15-20
Saydel, Won
Perry, Lost
Carroll 12-44

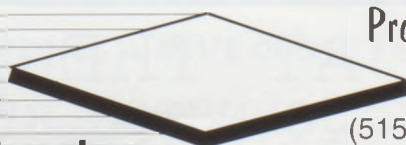
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Freshmen 7-7

Creston 16-12
Valley-Black 8-12
Nevada 30-12
Grinnell 37-12
Boone 16-42
Waukee 16-20
JSPC 16-27
Winterset 20-14
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Newton 20-16
Valley 12-21
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Beating the Times

New preparations helped the girls' swim team improve their races

spread by Emily Miller

Penny Nichols, senior

"When I dive, I get a song in my head. I get the rhythm of it and think about getting my hips in the air and getting that flying feeling. Or sometimes, when I'm mad at someone, I stomp on the board like it's their head." *photo by Emily Miller*



Amy Young, freshman

"We did a lot of mental preparation like listening to tapes from Olympic swim coaches because they made you imagine your race. The tapes helped me get focused and I also improved all of my race times." *photo by Emily Miller*

Sara Hill, senior

"We practiced about 24 hours a week. On the days of meets, we didn't have a morning practice. We also had lots of little mascots. One was an alligator named BERT. His name stood for Better Every Race Time." *photo by Emily Miller*



Flipping the number

board, sophomore Tyelene Cervetti shows sophomore Shelly Sheldahl how many laps she has left in the 500 freestyle. Sheldahl was a member of the Academic All-Conference Team, which required a GPA of 3.25 or higher. *photo by Emily Miller*

Drawing in a

breath, junior Lisa Stradley concentrates on her race, the 100 freestyle relay. Stradley's relay team, consisting of Rachel Broek, Lanie Smith and Maria Kerr, qualified for state in this event and placed 16th. *photo by Emily Miller*

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Lanie Smith, junior

"On our relay team, we slapped our hands on our knees three times. Then we lifted our hands up and shook them in front of our faces to get ourselves pumped up."



GIRLS' SWIMMING AND DIVING. Amy Young, Jessi Reece, Melissa Schroeder, Dania Schuler. ROW 2. Shayna Derry, Lisa Stradley, Chelsea Hughes, Candice Sanchez, Cindy Rullan, Jessica White, Jenny Finnerty, Lyna Milbrandt. ROW 3. Annie Calvert, Jodi Kopp, Nicole Weirich, Tyelene Cervetti, Robin Randolph, Maria Kerr. ROW 4. Lanie Smith, Stephanie Peters, Rachel Broek, Shelly Sheldahl, Michelle Perpich, Daisy Lemke, Tammy Walz. ROW 5. Chris Timmerman, Julia Wille, Sara Hill, Erin Wignall.

Girls' Swimming & Diving 2-6

Newton 111-72
Ankeny 56-114
Mason City 65-121
Valley 60-126
Marshalltown 65-121
Ames 59-113
Dowling 75.5-109.5
Ft. Dodge 115-70
Ames Inv. 2nd
Valley Inv. 4th
Urbandale Inv. 3rd
CIML Inv. 6th
Districts 6th
State
200 Freestyle relay 16th
400 Freestyle relay 18th

FACTS & FIGURES

Divers

Most belly flops	Tammy Walz
Most modest	Kelly Angstrom
Biggest splash	Penny Nichols
Tightest swimming suit	Tammy Walz
Loudest supporter	Kelly Angstrom
Always late to practice	Penny Nichols

Swimmers

Looks best in goggles	Sara Hill
Team leader	Chris Timmerman
Tightest swimming suit	Lisa Stradley
Hairiest legs	Lanie Smith
Always late to practice	Amy Young

GOOD IDEA: LANDING A DIVE CLOSE TO THE BOARD

BAD IDEA: LANDING A DIVE ON THE BOARD



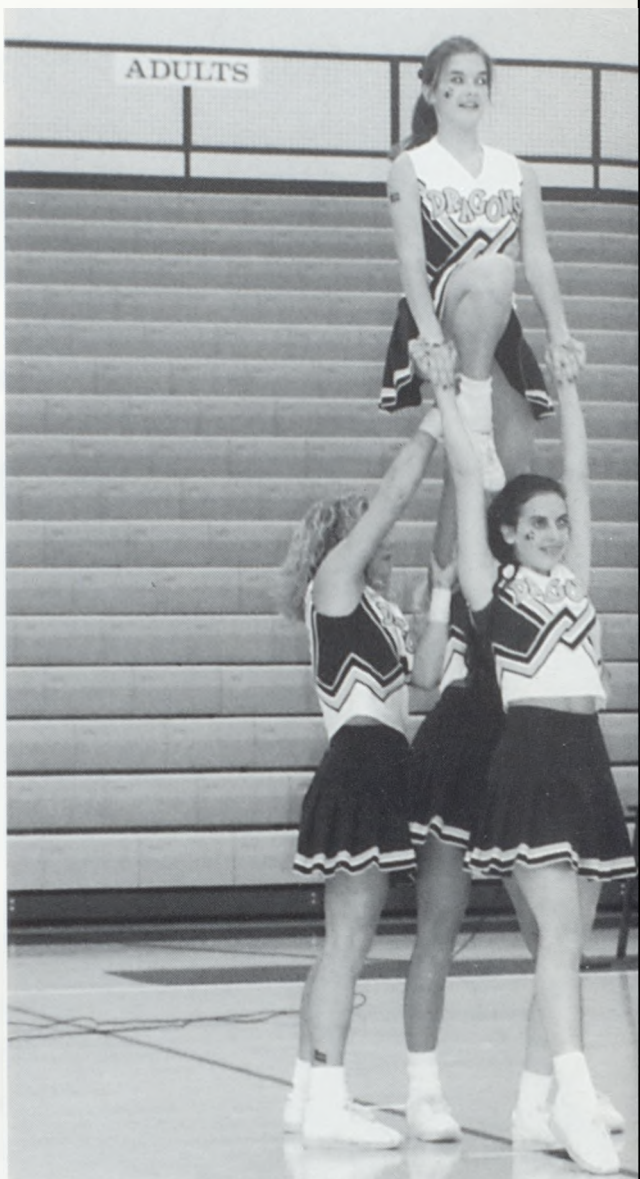
VARSITY CHEERLEADING SQUAD. Jamie Mai, Lisa Gentile, Amanda Jamison, Samantha Hufford, Monica Kim, Kelly Angstrom. **ROW 2.** Leah Rutherford, Gina Porto, Lisa DeFigueiredo, Jodi Peitzman, Shauna Sleep. **ROW 3.** Emily Meyer, Lindsay Hansen, Casaundra Christenson, Julie Heffling, Amy Palmer.



FRESHMAN/JV CHEERLEADING SQUAD. Eileen Leslie, Kim Bjornson, Stephanie Barnes, Amy Palmer, Katie Stricklin, Emily Meyer, Leslie Griggs. **ROW 2.** Jenny Bond, Ashley Albertson, Danielle Markel, Andrea Ranker, Amy Schuster, Emily Feaster, Tia Krultz, Courtney Rotz. **ROW 3.** Lindsey Conway, Janie Risinger, Angela Schuster, Patti Hefner, Shannon McLaughlin, Jackie Sorrells, Jenna Peitzman, Bailey Hufford.



DANZ TEAM. Sarah Nichols, Emilie Houle, Tenisha Davis. **ROW 2.** Wendi Collins, Kelli Wong, Jenna Logan, Amanda Coates. **ROW 3.** Jessica Leiendecker, Shelby Sleep, Melissa Mattern, Marcia Mattern, Marie Bunce, Angela Finestead. **ROW 4.** Megan Sheeks, Ellen Dane.



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Jodi Peitzman, left
Shanua Sleep, right



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Shauna Sleep, junior

"The varsity football squad had a lot of fun together. Besides cheering, we set up senior nights and pep assemblies. We also went to Wallace and taught a couple of cheers to the elementary girls to perform at a game."

photo by Tammy Jo Walz

Kelli Wong, senior

"Johnston (Danz Team) never placed in a competition before, so we wanted to prove that we were capable of competing at a state level. We practiced a lot before we danced and went out on the floor feeling confident."

photo by Anne Sciorrotta



Gaining support from
junior Gina Porto, junior Lisa DeFigueiredo is lifted into a chair during a pep rally. The varsity squad practiced many of their stunts before the pep rallies so they were ready to perform. *photo by Anne Sciorrotta*

Bachelor number one,
senior Brian Wattier, replies into the microphone, held by senior Tenisha Davis. Wattier and seniors Tommy Myers and Keith Hoppe were chosen to participate in the Dating Game by the seniors on the Danz Team, and competed at the homecoming pep rally. *photo by Kate Vocelka*



Stephanie Barnes, sophomore

"Cheerleading is definitely a sport. We condition, run around the halls and work on stunts every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at practice. We work hard so that we can perform to our best ability, just like any other team."

photo by Anne Sciorrotta

GOOD IDEA: DOING A TOE-TOUCH

BAD IDEA: DOING A TOE-TOUCH WITHOUT YOUR CHEATERS ON

Jared Grant, senior

"I was standing up, eating french toast on the morning of the state meet with our coaches. Sean Flannery thought it would be funny to drop my shorts, but he got more than he bargained for when he got my boxers, too."

Boys' Swimming 8-3

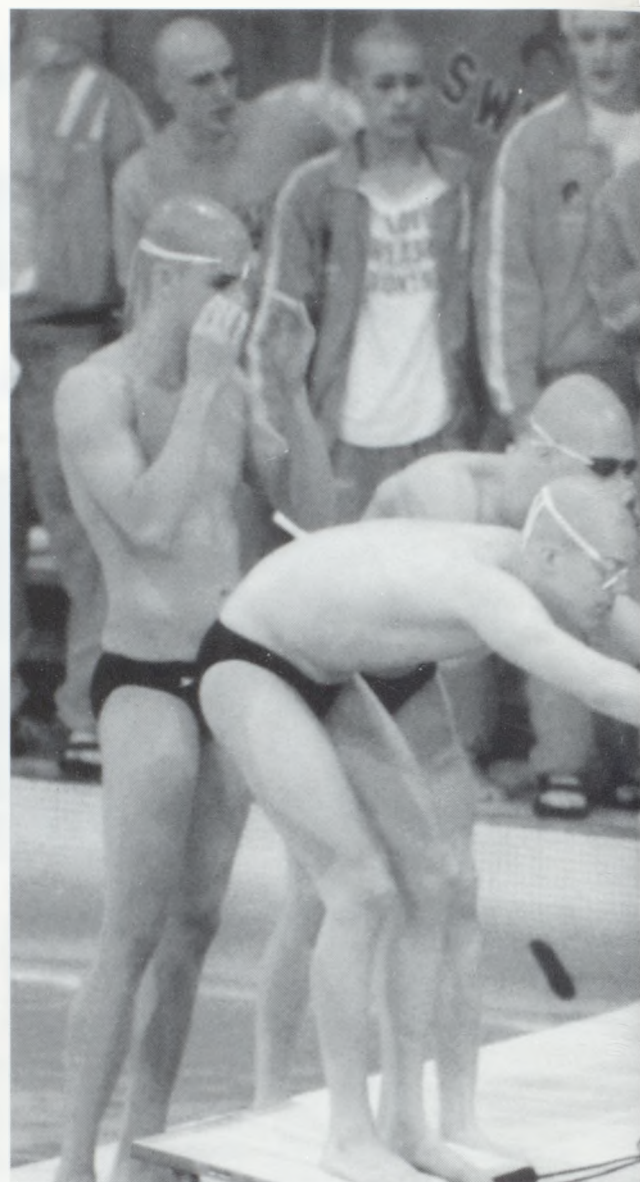
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Fort Dodge 58-36
Spencer 74-14
Lincoln 115-55
Newton 119-50
Indianola 124-42
Mason City 90-80
Dowling 54-116
Valley 90-80
Ankeny 77-93
Marshalltown
113-57
Urbandale Inv. 2nd
CIML 4th
Districts 3rd
State 5th



BOYS' SWIMMING. Grant Mandsager, Ben Flannery, Adam Graaf, Kevin Galvin, Jared Jablonski, Jason Kohles, A.J. Bilbrey, Dennis Dane, Chris Bentzinger. **ROW 2.** Mike Hicklin, Doug Owen, Neil Johnson, Josh Fausch, Chris Kroeger, Sean Flannery, Jared Grant, Zach Reefer, Andras Beck.

FACTS & FIGURES

State qualifiers (JHS)	Josh Fausch Sean Flannery Grant Mandsager
Most valuable swimmer	Doug Owen, Urb.
Most improved	Adam Graaf
Best turns	Josh Fausch
Quickest starts	Mike Hicklin, Urb.
Biggest complainer	Doug Owen, Urb.
Best motivator	Jared Grant
Smallest swimming suit	Adam Graff
Best hair (died)	Jared Grant
Shaved the best/most	Ben Flannery
Best baldy	Josh Fausch
Best in pantyhose	Jared Grant
Strongest	Andras Beck, Hungarian Nightmare
Best vein popper	Sean Flannery
Team saving	Urbandale SUCKS



GOOD IDEA: **WEARING PANTHOSE TO PRACTICE**

BAD IDEA: **WEARING PANTYHOSE ON A DATE**

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The swim team rose to the occasion, earning 5th at state

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Dennis Dane, sophomore

"I've been swimming since I was eight, and I love the excitement and competitiveness of it. My favorite race is the 500 freestyle because I have good endurance. It's a long race, so it's possible to come back if you're behind." *photo by Jen Goode*

Ben Flannery, freshman

"One of my goals, along with the team's, was to beat Valley because they're one of our biggest rivals. The meet was pretty close, but then both of our relays won, and from there we just slaughtered them." *photo by Jen Goode*



Waiting to swim the second leg of the 4 x 100 meter relay at the state meet, senior Sean Flannery takes his diving stance. Flannery also qualified for the 500 meter freestyle and the 4 x 200 meter relay. He placed 15th in the 500. *photo by Jen Goode*

After receiving his third place medal in the 4 x 200 meter relay, senior Josh Fausch watches fellow teammates get their medals. The team, along with Fausch, consisted of (left to right) junior Mike Hicklin, senior Sean Flannery and junior Doug Owen. *photo by Jen Goode*



A.J. Bilbrey, sophomore

"We had a more successful season than last year because everyone worked hard. We had more people who didn't skip practice and we drilled a lot. Sean (Flannery, senior) and Josh (Fausch, senior) were strong leaders." *photo by Jen Goode*

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Tammy Walz, junior

"Our home team uniform shorts were white, and you could always tell what color of underwear people had on. One game fell on Valentine's Day, so the team decided to get heart underwear for good luck."

Varsity 16-5

Ankeny 36-75
Ames 44-40
Winterset 63-35
Grinnell 76-54
Pella 69-34
Boone 62-54
Davis Co. 78-40
Eddyville 79-51
Knoxville 87-52
North 82-38
Pella Christian 58-54
Norwalk 49-52
Roosevelt 74-37
Grinnell 55-40
Pella 50-53
Boone 59-50
Knoxville 69-46
Norwalk 60-52
Pella Christian 45-65
Winterset 55-48
Districts
Indianola 45-62



VARSITY GIRLS' BASKETBALL. Kyla Kiester, Jenny Meek. **ROW 2.** Shauna Sleep, Kate Vocolka, Julia Bartmann, Sarah Batchelder, Kelli Brown, Tammy Walz, Coach Rick Platt, Manager Kevin Anderson, Coach Justin Carlson, Kim Elsham, Ashley Bengard, Lacey Corcoran, Kelly Clarkson, Dana Schultz, Kellie Greiner.

FACTS & FIGURES

First Team All-Conference	Kelly Clarkson, guard
Best motivator	Lacey Corcoran, forward
Most valuable player	Kyla Kiester
Most improved player	Lacey Corcoran
Most dedicated	Sarah Batchelder
Hardest worker	Kelly Clarkson
Always late to practice	Kellie Greiner
Highest scoring average	Kyla Kiester
Most 3 point field goals	Lacey Corcoran, 16.6
Highest rebounding average	Kelly Clarkson, 30
Most steals	Lacey Corcoran, 5.6
Most blocked shots	Kellie Greiner, 53
Best free throw %	Jenny Meek, 17
Best field goal %	Kelly Clarkson, .753
Lucky charms	Jenny Meek, .586
Tallest	Smile faces on hands
	Jenny Meek, 6'0"



GOOD IDEA: **SHOOTING AT YOUR OWN BASKET**

BAD IDEA: **SHOOTING AT THE OTHER TEAM'S BASKET**

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New Beginnings

A young team earned the best record in school history

spread by Tim Keck



Kelly Clarkson, junior

"During the Norwalk game, I was running when Kyla Kiester (senior) ran into me. I fell flat on my face. When it happened I didn't think it was very funny, but the next time up the court Kyla and I couldn't stop laughing about it." *photo by Tim Keck*

Kellie Greiner, junior

"When we started the year, we decided that our biggest goal was to win our conference. We knew it would be a close and tough race throughout the season. Other girls' sports teams had won conference, so it was really important to us." *photo by Tim Keck*



Shooting the ball

over the outstretched arms of the Indianola defender, junior Dana Schultz attempts to make the shot. Schultz received honorable mention for the all-conference team and contributed an average of 6.9 points and 5.1 rebounds per game. *photo by Tim Keck*

Looking to penetrate

against the Winterset defense, junior Shauna Sleep does a cross-over dribble. The team beat Winterset 55-48 in the last regular season home game of the year. *photo by Tim Keck*



Jenny Meek, senior

"I thought we played our best basketball of the season before Christmas break. Our record was 9-1 and we were ranked as high as 13th in class 4A. Everyone was doing the things they needed to do to get the job done." *photo by Tim Keck*

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Balancing Out

With the loss and gain of players, both teams learned to adjust

spread by Michelle Norton

Nikki Thies, freshman

"We were nervous after losing two of our bigger players (Ashley Bengard and Kim Elsham). We had played with them for three years and they were quite a loss. Fortunately, Sarah Tuttle stepped up and did her job."

photo by Michelle Norton



Kirsten Frederick, sophomore

"I moved here from a small town, and I was used to playing piddly little basketball and having poor work ethics. Then I came here and everyone wanted to work hard and win. It was fun and I met a lot of new people."

photo by Michelle Norton

Kendra Reames, sophomore

"Our best game was against Pella's JV team because we played our hardest, stayed focused and worked as a team to beat them. They were undefeated for the past two seasons, so they were shocked when we won."

photo by Michelle Norton



Shooting the ball,

freshman Monica Inge tries to make two points against Roosevelt. Inge was a forward and contributed six points in the game to help her team win, 50-18.

photo by Michelle Norton

Taking the jump

shot, freshman Kim Elsham tries to get past a Norwalk player. Elsham and Ashley Bengard were the only two freshmen that were moved up to play on the sophomore and varsity teams.

photo by Michelle Norton

GOOD IDEA: SINK A THREE POINTER

BAD IDEA: AIR BALL A GRANNY SHOT

Sophomores 8-12

Ankney 30-57
Valley 21-44
Winterset 43-36
Winterset 16-34
North 48-18
Nevada 31-36
Norwalk 31-48
Grinnell 37-49
Pella 31-23
SE Polk 30-32
Pella Christian 42-52
Boone 45-34
Nevada 32-24
Roosevelt 38-48
Winterset 46-23
Saydel 61-45
Pella 29-42
Pella Christian 55-49
Grinnell 43-47
Norwalk 36-49

Freshmen 14-4

Ankeny 16-45
Roosevelt 34-29
Winterset 37-14
Norwalk 60-34
Pella 36-31
SE Polk 22-53
Boone 41-32
Pella Christian 45-26
Nevada 60-17
Boone 40-45
Roosevelt 50-18
Winterset 56-31
Saydel 40-36
Pella Christian 24-20
Grinnell 66-24
Pella 46-39
Norwalk 51-37



SOPHOMORE BASKETBALL. Ashley Bengard, Kendra Reames, Kirsten Frederick, Tanika Dixon, Kim Elsham. **ROW 2.** Natalie Grimm, Jill Palensky, Sadie Braune, Wendy Dennis.



FRESHMAN BASKETBALL. Angela Jennings, Dawn Warner, Anne Waller. **ROW 2.** Betsy Sanders, Monica Inge, Melissa Ward. **ROW 3.** Lisa Doudna, Sarah Tuttle, Sarah Warner, Nikki Thies, Amie Bobst.

FACTS & FIGURES

Sophomores

Most points in a game	Kim Elsham, 16
Most dedicated	Kirsten Frederick
Always late to practice	Tanika Dixon
Most points all season	Kim Elsham, 136
Biggest competition	Norwalk
Most improved	Sadie Braune
Injured the most	Natalie Grimm

Freshmen

Most points in a game	Angela Jennings, 16
Most dedicated	Monica Inge
Always late to practice	Angela Jennings
Most points all season	Sarah Tuttle, 132
Biggest competition	Urbandale
Most improved	Sarah Warner
Injured the most	Melissa Ward



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Varsity 8-12

Roland Story 39-55
Waukee 63-37
Grinnell 40-42
Pella 57-70
Boone 50-53
Knoxville 66-65
Hoover 54-64
Pella Christian 47-45
Norwalk 63-55
East 70-61
Grinnell 54-61
Ankeny 37-70
Boone 71-63
Knoxville 28-47
Norwalk 58-50
Pella Christian 18-52
Winterset 61-66
Pella 53-51
Winterset 48-49
Ames 49-51

Adam Corcoran, senior

"It's been hard trying to follow in the footsteps of the two-time state championship team, even two years later. At first it was really frustrating, but then it just gave us a reason to work harder."



VARSITY BASKETBALL. Brad Sewell, Dan Sundblad, Wes Nyberg, Ken Jones, Jerod Hockensmith, Jason Timmons. **ROW 2.** Manager E.J. Runyan, Jed Schmidt, Brian Sheeks, Andy Vis, Dan Kuster, Dan Thompson. **ROW 3.** Manager Cassie Christensen, Coach Spence Evans, Adam Corcoran, Mark Oiler, Justin Crowdis, Andy Greger, Coach Jeff Simpson, Manager Sarah Schnotalla.

FACTS & FIGURES

Highest scorer	Mark Oiler, 154
Most steals	Dan Sundblad, 30
Most assists	Dan Sundblad, 43
Most rebounds	Mark Oiler, 62
Most technical fouls	Mark Oiler, 3
Best shooting percent	Mark Oiler, 61%
Best free throw percent	Andy Greger, 79%
Most three point shots	Dan Sundblad, 13
Tallest	Mark Oiler, 6'4"
Shortest	Wes Nyberg, 5'9"
Biggest feet	Justin Crowdis, size 15
MVP	Mark Oiler
Best pasta dinner	Brad Sewell
Favorite team outing	Star Wars movies
Team captains	Mark Oiler Dan Sundblad



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Team Maintenance

The varsity boys returned with familiar strategies and players

spread by Tammy Jo Walz



Jerod Hockensmith, junior

"I was really excited for this season because Coach Simpson would be coaching me again this year since he moved to varsity. I didn't have to learn all new drills and he knew my strong points and weaknesses." *photo by Tammy Jo Walz*

Jeff Allen, senior

"We had a great group of guys that made basketball fun, but I wasn't sure if it was worth it to still play. When I decided to leave, it made me feel good that Mark (Oiler) wore his socks pulled up like mine, I felt like the team really cared." *photo by Tammy Jo Walz*



Using the backboard, sophomore Andy Creger attempts to make a right-handed lay up. Creger was the only sophomore that received a place on the varsity squad, playing 15 of the 19 games. *photo by Tammy Jo Walz*

Struggling to retrieve the basketball, senior Ken Jones fights to regain possession. This was Jones' second year suiting varsity. He averaged seven points a game and a season total of 100 points. *photo by Tammy Jo Walz*



Jed Schmidt, junior

"This was a growing season for all of us. A lot of us played together last year and we knew what to expect from each other. We knew how we played, where people were at a certain time and when to get the other person the ball." *photo by Tammy Jo Walz*



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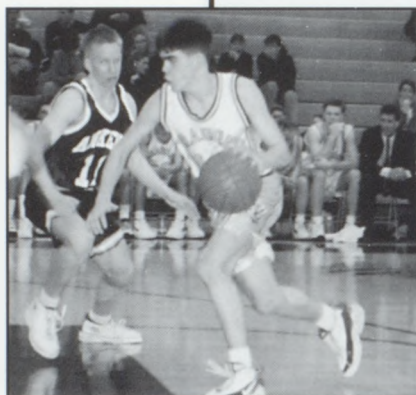
Creating Goals

Boys dove into the ambitions they set for the season

spread by Emily Miller

John Roarick, sophomore

"Coach Rae's front tooth would fall out while he was yelling at us in the middle of a game. It happened all the time; he would just dive out onto the middle of the court while the game was going on to find it." *photo by Emily Miller*

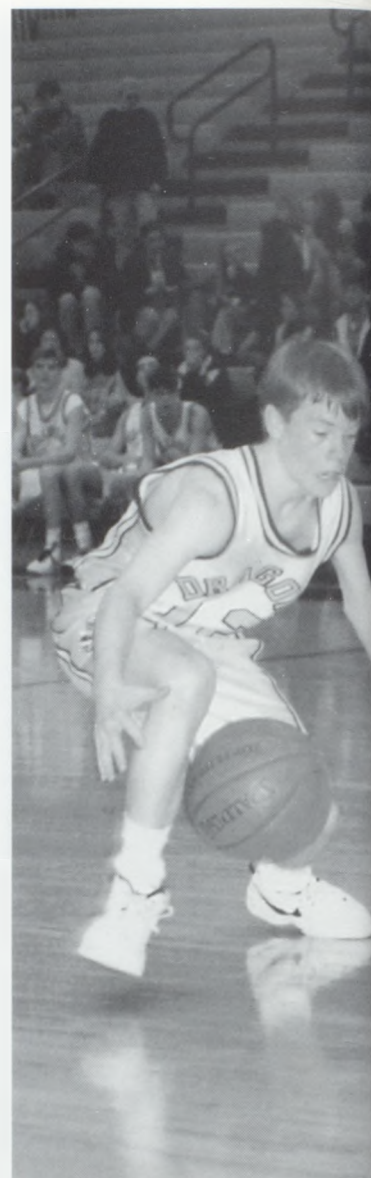
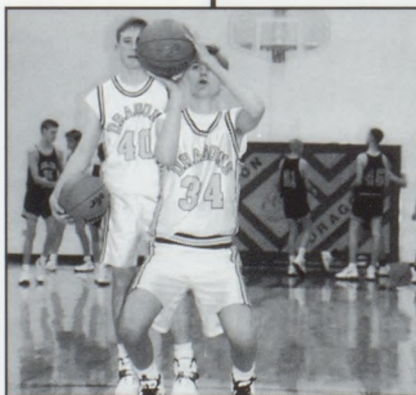


Kyle Mertz, freshman

"It was a lot more intense this year. We were constantly working in practice with no time to goof off. Coach Rankin really emphasized working as a team. We had a lot of team goals, like winning 85 percent of our games, which we did." *photo by Emily Miller*

Matt Holub, sophomore

"When I shoot a free throw, I always dribble the ball three times, relax and follow through on my shot. It's different for each player. This year I have more confidence. I shoot better from the perimeter and the three point line." *photo by Emily Miller*



As the ball slips

out of his hands, sophomore Chris Dickey races to recover before the other team steals the ball. Dickey said, "This year I am a lot more relaxed and more comfortable on the court." *photo by Emily Miller*

Not giving his

opponent any chances to take it away, freshman Joel Jacobs dribbles the ball between his legs. Jacobs scored 101 points, averaging 7.2 points a game. Jacobs also led the gold team with 20 assists. *photo by Emily Miller*

GOOD IDEA: THROWING THE BALL IN-BOUNDS

BAD IDEA: THROWING THE BALL OUT OF BOUNDS

Sophomores 9-10

R. Story 63-65
Roosevelt 54-62
Dowling 38-44
Norwalk 72-35
Pella 51-47
Nevada 50-49
Boone 46-45
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Grinnell 43-61
Norwalk 61-40
Pella 48-61

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Grinnell 64-53
North 72-67
Hoover 59-39
Urbandale 65-47
Atlantic 66-45
Atlantic 77-33



SOPHOMORE BASKETBALL. Daniel Armstrong, Chris Dickey, Nick Touch, John Roarick, Andrew Westcott, Shane Foster, Tyler Tompkins, Aaron Wych. **ROW 2.** Lance Routson, Matt Kroeger, Nate Lynch, Kevin Walters, Mr. Tom Rae, Adam Lewis, Pat O'Hollearn, Matt Holub, Brad Schwarz.



FRESHMAN BASKETBALL. John Fiala, Adam Twedt, Zac Bronson, Canyon Atwood, Chris Lanpher, Joel Beary, Jeff Robertson. **ROW 2.** Joel Jacobs, Marcus Iwig, Michael Porter, Jacob Reichling, Clint Meek, Scott Vermulm, Damon Myers, Brenden Huewe. **ROW 3.** Mr. Joel Rankin, Kyle Mertz, Andy Sundblad, Nick Bass, Andy Paine, Quinn Sypniewski, Johnatan Hardy, Jeremy Burns, Ryan Karloff, Gavin Kucera, Mr. Kyle Sanders.

FACTS & FIGURES

Sophomores

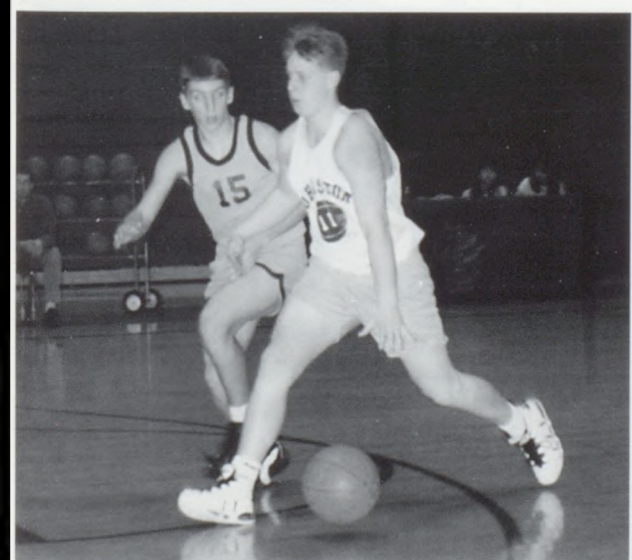
Most points per game	Chris Dickey, 9
Most rebounds per game	Nate Lynch, 5
Most assists per game	John Roarick, 5
Most minutes played	Chris Dickey, 30

Freshmen-Purple

Most points	Kyle Mertz, 249
Most rebounds	Jon Hardy, 153
Most assists	Kyle Mertz, 70

Freshmen-Gold

Most points	Jeff Robertson, 113
Most Rebounds	Jeremy Burns, 48
Most assists	Joel Jacobs, 20



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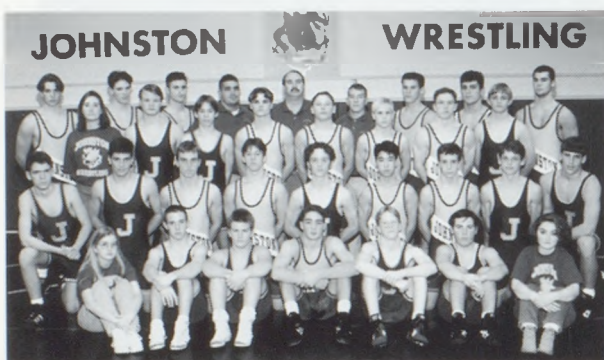
Wrestling

2-28

Urbandale 14-54
 Hoover 54-24
 Boone 18-59
 Norwalk 27-46
 Pella 15-55
 Grinnell 34-42
 Valley 21-41
 ADM 9-49
 Winterset 12-61
 Bon.-Farrar 9-55
 S. Tama 16-58
 Knoxville 8-65
 JSPC 23-48
 Carlisle 3-67
 Muscatine 7-61
 Newton 18-52
 Spencer 6-66
 Urbandale 18-52
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Dave Gray, junior

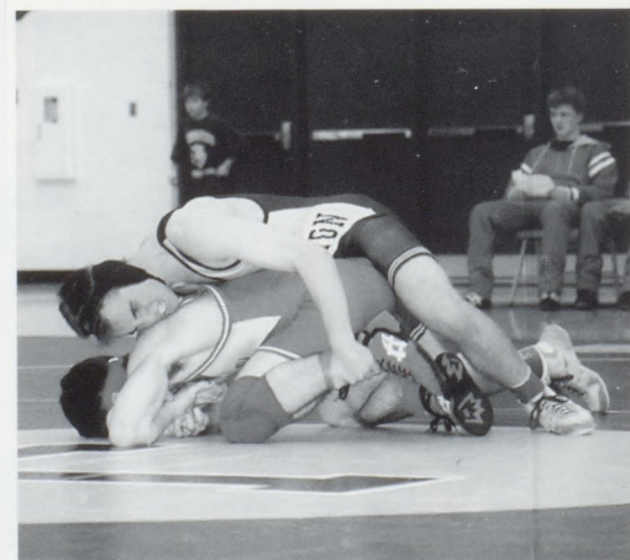
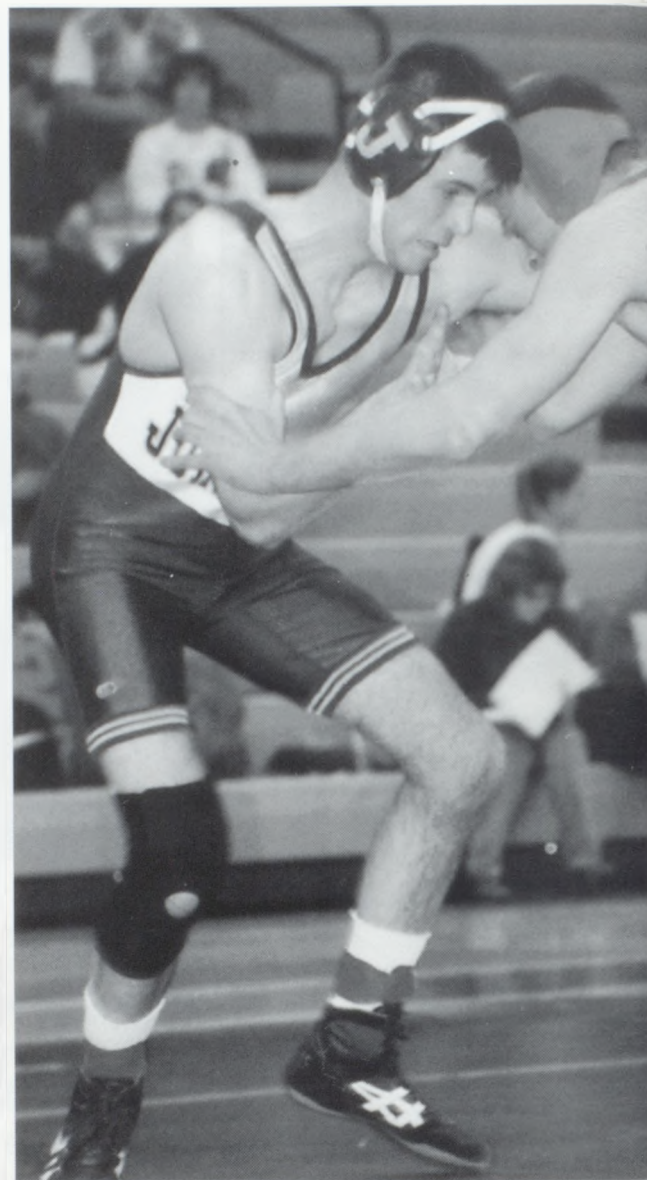
"Last year we had a bunch of more experienced wrestlers. I liked this year much better because we were more of a team. There wasn't any pressure to perform, so we could go out and just do it."



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FACTS & FIGURES

Fastest pin	Kris Logue, 40 sec.
Most pins	Dave Gray, 9
Most takedowns	Chad Baker, 37
Most technical falls	Cody Lowman, 3
Tallest	Kris Logue, 6'1"
Shortest	Cody Lowman, 5'4"
Always late to practice	Kenny Madison
Best way to cut weight	Don't eat
Lost the most weight before each meet	Rod Serbus, 9 lbs
Team captains	Dave Gray
	Chad Baker
	Kris Logue
Most wins	Cody Lowman, 19
Outstanding freshman	Matt Herrmann



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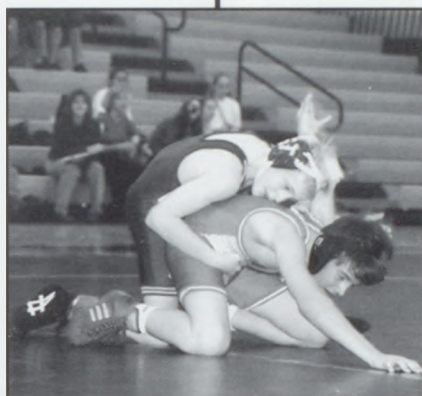


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Growing Pains

The team measured its success by effort put forth

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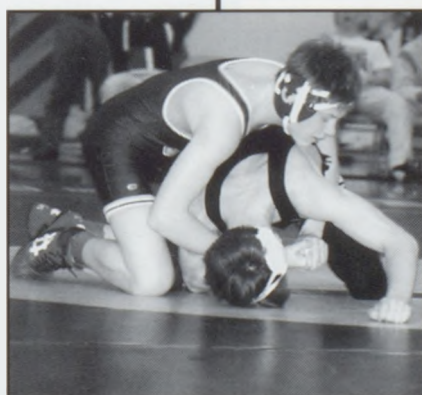


Cody Lowman, freshman

"This year we were a really young team. It was a time for us to practice, mature and get better. Next year we will have a lot of the same guys go out, and because of all the work we did this year, all we can do is improve." *photo by Jennifer Gleason*

Jason Wheeler, freshman

"Wrestling is the toughest sport I have been out for. You have to work for every move you make and get yourself out of tough situations. It takes a lot out of you because it is very physically demanding, but I had a good time doing it." *photo by Jennifer Gleason*



Kenny Madison, sophomore

"I like wrestling because it is a one-on-one sport. Everything you do out on the mat rests on your shoulders. You are going up against guys that are bigger and better than you, so it's a really tough sport." *photo by Jennifer Gleason*

Preparing for a take-down, junior Kris Logue maneuvers around his Boone opponent. Logue wrestled at the 152 and 171 pound weight classes for his third year, and he finished the season with a record of 6-11. He sat out some meets due to an illness. *photo by Jennifer Gleason*

Getting into position, sophomore Rod Serbus attempts to make his move. Serbus wrestled at the 140, 145 and 152 pound weight classes and finished the season with three pins. *photo by Jennifer Gleason*

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Die-Hard Practice

The boys' and girls' soccer teams took a new approach

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Lauren Pendergraft, senior

"Practicing twice a day, we call them two-a-days, really does suck. Practicing both in the morning and the evening takes a lot out of you, but once we have our winning season it'll all be worth it." *photo by Kristin Sorrells*



Margo McCravy, junior

"Not only did we sometimes practice twice a day, but on Mondays we even had a lady come and teach an aerobics class that the girls' team had an option of attending during the off season."

photo by Kristin Sorrells

Ben Wissink, freshman

"Soccer is better this year, the coach is actually trying. The only bad thing about this year is that if we curse we have to do twenty-five push-ups, and if we don't shave for a game he makes us shave in the locker room right before the game." *photo by Kristin Sorrells*



Kicking the ball

inbounds, freshman Clint Meek aims for the goal. Meek was one of the starting centers for the freshman boys' soccer team. *photo by Kristin Sorrells*

Stopping the

ball to maneuver around the cone, freshman Lisa Doudna works on her ball handling skills. It was Doudna's second year on the school sponsored JV girls' soccer team. *photo by Kristin Sorrells*

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GIRLS' VARSITY SOCCER. Laura Oderkirk, Lauren Pendergraft. **ROW 2.** Jennifer Georgen, Marcia Mattern, Millie Smith, Melissa Mattern. **ROW 3.** Maria Brown, Sarah Meston, Margo McCravy, Kendra Rains, Julie Heffling, Jennifer Meek. **ROW 4.** Sara Hill, Jill McCleary, Dawn Warner, Julia Bartmann, Jeny Oderkirk.

Boys' Soccer 6-6

Lincoln 3-1
North 3-1
Roosevelt 2-6
S.E. Polk 3-1
Urbandale Inv. 2-3
Urbandale 1-3
Valley 0-8
Ankeny 4-3
Mason City 5-1
Mason City 4-1
Valley 1-4
Ames 2-3

Girls' Soccer 1-0

(as of May 29)
North 6-0

FACTS & FIGURES

Boys' Soccer

Captains	Jared Grant Tommy Myers Chase Young
Most valuable player	Tommy Myers
Hardest Worker	Jose Tovar

Girls' Soccer

Captains	Jennifer Meek Lauren Pendergraft Jennifer Georgen
Most improved	Margo McCravy
Most dedicated	Lauren Pendergraft



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Sara Madison, sophomore

"On the ninth hole of the par three, there are geese by the pond. For about two weeks there was always one goose in the same place. Erin Hansen and I decided that on our last meet, if it was still there, we'd throw golf balls at it to see if it was alive, but it was gone."

Varsity

29-18-1

Lakeview 2nd
Grinnell 2nd
Norwalk 3rd
Quad 1st
Grandview 6th
Ames 2nd
Willow Creek tie
1st
Jester 2nd
Grinnell 4th
Otter Creek 1st
Jester 2nd
Waveland 1st
Regionals 4th



GIRLS' GOLF. Amy Martens, Erin Hansen, Erin Derby, Hallie Durnavich, Manager Julie Goodrich. **ROW 2.** Sarah Bidney, Morgan Cavanaugh, Sara Madison, Jenna Peitzman, Melissa Miller. **ROW 3.** Jodi Peitzman, Sharon Ehm, Jamie Mai, Lisa Gentile, Libby Hietbrink, Erin Flynn.

FACTS & FIGURES

Most golf balls in water	Hallie Durnavich
Most improved	Erin Derby
Most dedicated	Sarah Bidney
Biggest complainer	Tara Lashley
Number one position	Sarah Bidney
Best chipper	Melissa Miller
Best golf attire	Jamie Mai
Always late for practice	Sara Madison
	Erin Derby
Biggest motivator	Jodi Peitzman
Team captain	Sarah Bidney
Hardest course	Grinnell
Biggest competition	Ames Invitational



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The golf team received help from teammates and outside sources

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Amy Martens, junior

"We are really fortunate to be provided with all that we have. We get to hit balls inside the dome at Longview; at Jester we get to play nine holes. The coach and school are very giving. They've helped us out a lot." *photo by Alyssa Friedow*

Anne Giusto, freshman

"When we were practicing one day at Jester, Mr. Smith walked around. While he was watching everybody had bad shots, but when he stood near me, I shot it to the edge of the green. I was really happy when I did that." *photo by Michelle Norton*



Lisa Gentile, senior

"Our best meet was probably the Ames Invitational because we beat some of our biggest competition, like Valley and Dowling, when we didn't think we would. It was the best round of golf we ever played together." *photo by Michelle Norton*

Practicing her chipping skills, senior Jamie Mai aims for a hole at the Jester range. "Jester was one of our best meets. I was a medalist, but we all played really well," said Mai. *photo by Michelle Norton*

Watching her golf ball, senior Sarah Bidney perfects her swing. Bidney played on the golf team for four years and held the number one position for two. *photo by Michelle Norton*

GOOD IDEA: HITTING THE BALL OVER THE POND

BAD IDEA: HITTING THE BALL INTO THE POND

Girls' Varsity 1-10



GIRLS' TENNIS. Chris Timmerman, Theresa Timmins, Celeste Six, Kelli Kramer, Tammy Jo Walz, Jana Yanders, Anne Sciorrotta, Jessica Henning, Ellen Bryant, Tyelene Cervetti. **ROW 2.** Kerriann Sullivan, Heather Rains, Leah Rutherford, Betsy Sanders, Megan Stetson, Andee Jo Houle, Mary Ann Johnson, Sarah Morris, Stephanie Strack. **ROW 3.** Katherine Nedved, Jessica Ligas, Amy Palmer, Carrie Schroeder, Kelly Wilges, Andrea Bean, Wendy Dennis, Jaime McMillen. **ROW 4.** Shawn Holmes, Heather Patterson, Sarah Borchard, Renae Fuller, Shelly Sheldahl, Heather Schmidt, Bailey Hufford, Sarah Coleman.

Hoover 1-10
Pella 0-11
Grinnell 2-7
Pella Christian 1-8
Knoxville 6-5
North 2-9
Norwalk 0-11
North Polk 0-11
Boone 0-9
Ames 0-11
Indianola 0-11
Conference 7th

Boys' Varsity 7-2



BOYS' TENNIS. Andy Shanley, Adam Nieting, Mark Oiler, Ryan Kirkpatrick, Ryan Roeth, John Fiala, Andy Briggs, Ben Wicks. **ROW 2.** Ryan Burnley, Ryan Karloff, Justin Williams, A.J. Bilbrey, Andy Johnson, Jon Martin, Andy Verlengia, Ted Christakos. **ROW 3.** Josh House, Chris Uchytel, Cory Briggs, Justin Zortman, Brad Scott, Tyler Jordan, Joe Bass.

Hoover 8-3
Pella 7-4
Grinnell 11-0
Pella Christian 4-7
Knoxville 7-2
Norwalk 9-2
North Polk 8-3
Boone 1-10
Indianola 7-4
Conference 3rd

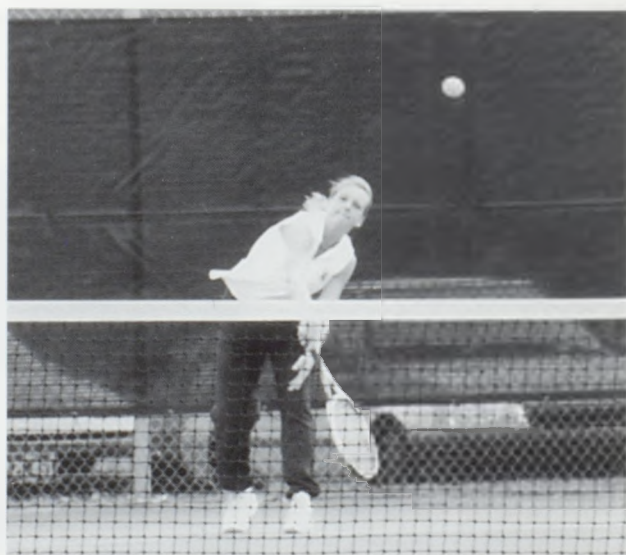
FACTS & FIGURES

Girls

Best singles record	Theresa Timmins 5-8
Best doubles record	Tyelene Cervetti and Jessica Henning, 5-9
Wildest cheerleaders	Tammy Walz
Best initiation outfit	Andee Jo Houle

Boys

Best singles record	Ryan Roeth 10-3
Best doubles record	Ted Christakos and John Fiala, 10-9
Toughest competition	Boone
Most distracting outfit	Mark Oiler, pink shirt



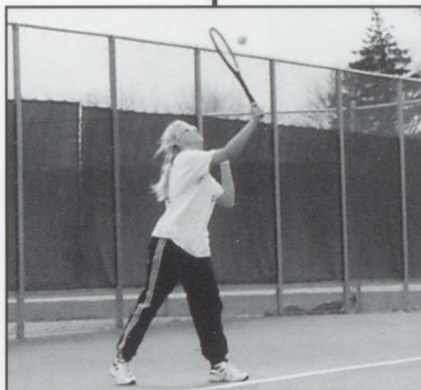
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Mixed Results

The girls' team struggled while the boys' team prevailed

spread by Alyssa Friedow and Kate Vocelka



Kerianne Sullivan, junior

"The season's been going pretty well. It seems to be very organized, and Mr. Holmes does a good job of including everyone and giving every player a chance. We've lost more matches than we've won, but the team has improved a lot." *photo by Kate Vocelka*

Adam Nieting, junior

"My season went very well this year because I improved a lot from last year. My best improvement was my serve and backhand. Hard work helped me considerably, and I plan to keep working hard for next season and do even better." *photo by Kate Vocelka*



Following through his kick serve, senior Ryan Roeth takes a shot at his opponent. Roeth has held the number one position on the varsity team since his freshman year. Roeth defeated Mike McMullen, making him the first person to ever beat a player from Boone. *photo by Kate Vocelka*

Concentrating on the ball, junior Celeste Six finishes her serve. Six held the number one position on the team. "My strength is strategy; I can read the other players well and figure out what they are going to do next," said Six. *photo by Kate Vocelka*



Andy Johnson, sophomore

"My season was really great because I only lost two singles matches all year, and those opponents were older and had more experience than me. My serve has improved a lot since last year, and I'm learning to hit a better drop shot." *photo by Alyssa Friedow*

GOOD IDEA: GIRLS' WEARING SKIRTS TO MATCHES

BAD IDEA: BOYS' WEARING SKIRTS TO MATCHES

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Toughing it Out

Teams battled injuries, but achieved good times

spread by Jennifer Gleason and Leslie McAtee

Angela Ryan, sophomore

"I like track because it's a way to keep in shape and it's great to be on a team. One of the best things is getting to run against other people, so you can see how well you're doing. The best feeling is when you pass someone." *photo by Michelle Norton*



Katie Weisz, sophomore

"We lost Jeny Oderkirk because of an ankle injury, and Lacey Corcoran got hurt and couldn't run anymore. It sort of effected the team because I think that if we had had these people on the team we would have sent more people to state." *photo by Michelle Norton*

Jonathan Hardy, freshman

"I went out for track because last year I was fairly successful, and I wanted to continue. I also really like to run. My goal this year was to run the 1600 meters in less than five minutes, and I made that goal, so I was very pleased." *photo by Jennifer Gleason*



Flying through the

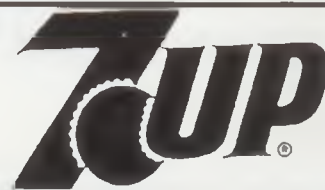
air, senior Tenisha Davis tries to out-jump her opponent. Davis jumped her personal best of 16'8" to qualify for the state track meet. *photo by Michelle Norton*

Running toward the

finish line, junior Wade Hayes pushes himself to the limit at the end of his 400 meter race. In his first year on the track team, Hayes was a letter winner. *photo by Jennifer Gleason*



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Johnston Inv. 1st
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Waukee Inv. 1st
Nevada Inv. 2nd
Carlisle Inv. 1st
East Inv. 2nd
Districts 4th
LHC 2nd
State 28th

Boys'

Johnston Inv. 3rd
LHC 7th
Boone Inv. 7th
Hoover Inv. 5th
Carlisle Inv. 2nd
Urb. Classic 8th
Roosevelt Inv. 2nd
Ankeny Inv. 7th
State Track
Participants

-L. Corcoran, discus
-T. Davis, long jump
-R. Fiala, 1500 and
3000 m
-K. Kiester, 400 m
-H. Kiester, 100 m hurdles
-P. Nichols, A. Young, H.
Kiester and K. Fiester,
sprint medley
-T. Davis, H. Kiester, K.
Kiester and K. Clarkson,
4x400 m
-B. Whipps, D. Armstrong,
S. Vermulm and J.
Schmidt, 4x100 m,
4x200 m
-A. Corcoran, high jump
-E. Runyan, wheelchair
100 m, 200 m, 800 m,
discus



GIRLS' TRACK. Lacey Corcoran, Jeny Oderkirk, Amy Young, Penny Nichols, Cindy Loffler, Anne Waller, Heidi Kiester, Kelly Anderson. **ROW 2.** Emily Sloan, Angela Ryan, Kirsten Fredrick, Julia Bartmann, Shelley Jones, Danielle Markel, Lindsey Griggs, Alyssa Smith, Mary Mullinex, Michelle Norton. **ROW 3.** Stephanie Phillips, Monica Inge, Jenny Meek, Patti Hefner, Katie Weisz, Sarah Warner, Rita Fiala, Micaelah Morrill, Jill Emmerich, Tenisha Davis, Kyla Kiester.



BOYS' TRACK. Nick Touch, Dan Armstrong, Brent Whipps, Dan Logue, Jeremy VanOort, Zac Bronson, Jason Wheeler, Adam Twedt, Jeff French, Brenden Huewe, E.J. Runyan. **ROW 2.** Rod Serbus, Josh Wells, Dennis Dane, Matt Skeens, Nick Konz, Joel Jacobs, John Heth, Chris Piper, Cory Campbell. **ROW 3.** Brad Schwarz, Marcus Iwig, Joe Townsend, Scott Vermulm, Ted Rives, Lance Routson, Damon Myers, Canyon Atwood, Kyle Mertz, Brad Sewell, Shane Foster. **ROW 4.** Dan Whitten, Wade Hayes, Jason Brehmer, Joel Beary, Tim Walker, Troy Trobaugh, John Good, Zack Parsons, Nick Bass. **ROW 5.** Dan Thompson, Andy Sundblad, Jed Schmidt, Nathan Krofta, Johnathan Hardy, Quinn Sypniewski. **ROW 6.** Matt Sinnwell, Jim Wynn.

FACTS & FIGURES

Girls

Fastest distance runner Rita Fiala, 3000 m, 10:25.86
Highest jumper Katie Weisz, 5'2"
Longest legs Heidi Kiester

Boys

Team motivator Brad Sewell
Longest legs Nathan Krofta
New school record Ken Jones, 800 m, 2:00.63



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CONGRATULATIONS SENIORS

Grabbing a slice

of the Huger Huge pizza, sophomore Nate Lynch satisfies his appetite after the long week of Madrigal performances. The concert choir invaded Rory Flynn's (sophomore) house where they feasted on pizzas, soda pop and various Christmas snacks. *photo by Wesley Nyberg*



During the

homecoming parade, junior attendants Eric Peterson and Chrystal Martin throw some candy to the awaiting kids on the street. All of the attendants had the privilege to ride in a convertible because of the nice weather. *photo by Anne Sciorrotta*



Attempting to

adjust the binding on her ski, junior Erin Flynn gets ready to ski with her friends at Saylorville Lake. Mark Oiler (senior) and Kelly Clarkson (junior) went skiing at least twice a week and always tried to bring friends. *photo by Tammy Walz*



Taking a break,

senior Justin Ehm and juniors Damian Ingersoll and Erin Russom discuss New Year's resolutions. Ehm, Ingersoll and Russom partied at junior Nathan Huber's house which had pool, food and "Dick Clark's Rockin' New Year's Eve Special." *photo by Tim Rains*



Work/Play

After the short/long summer break, students prepared for

school (pp. 146-147) ■ Escaping from school, students spent the

weekends at parties/home (pp. 152-153) ■ Students showed little/

lots of spirit (pp. 164-165) ■ Many normal/unique trends were set

(pp. 166-167) ■ During homecoming week, students did/didn't dress

up on the dress-up days (pp. 150-151) ■ Rock Around the Clock had

fun/dull games to pump up the students (pp. 148-149) ■ As fall

became winter, many traveled far/near to play in the snow (pp. 154-

155) ■ The holidays brought great/bummer parties (pp. 156-157) ■

As spring arrived, many stayed/left during break (pp. 158-159) ■

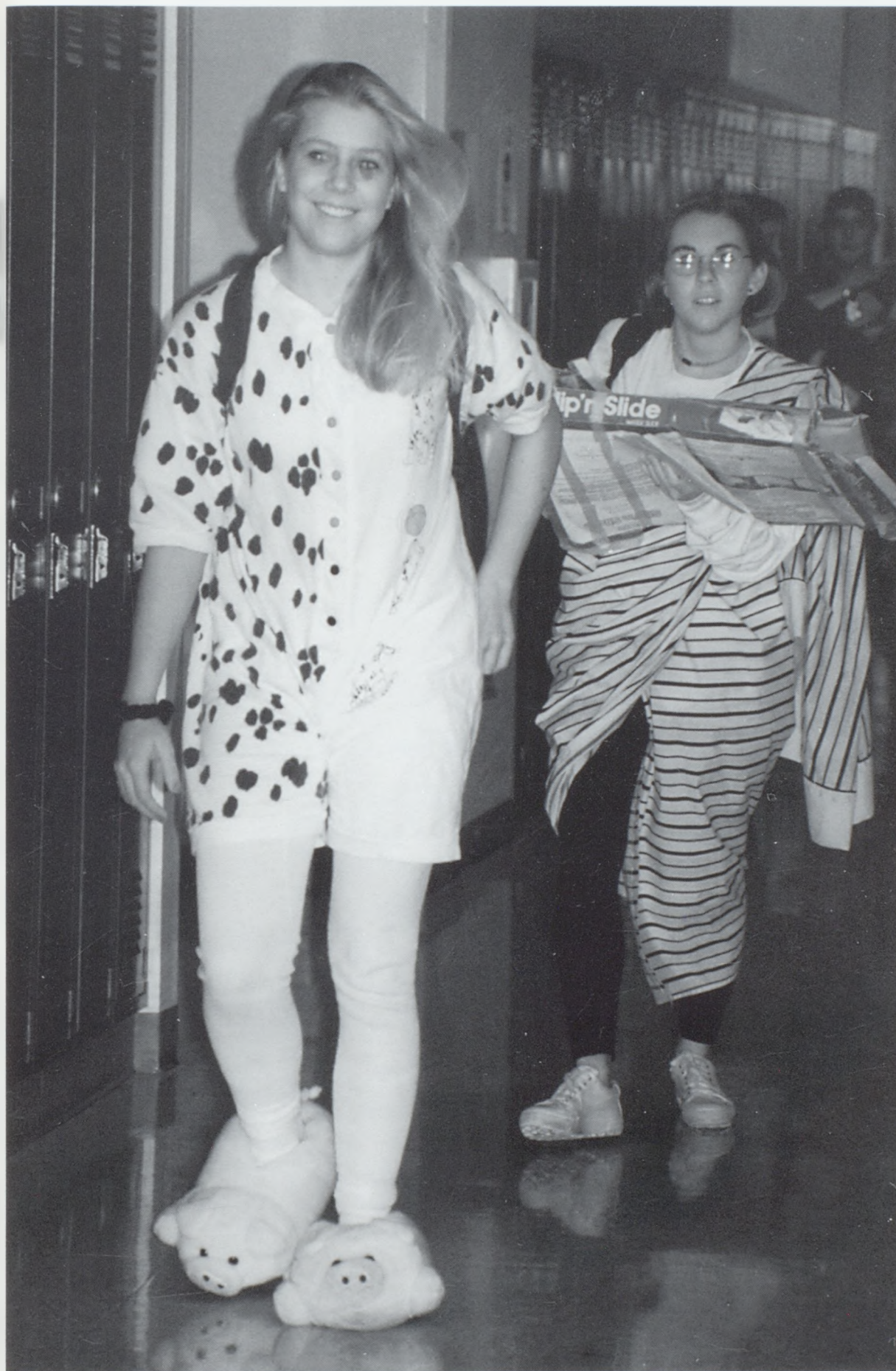
Graduation came and seniors/freshmen awaited the future

(pp. 162-163) ■ Many watched/took part in prom and after prom

(pp. 160-161) ■ spread by Wes Nyberg

Walking down

the hall in her pink hog slippers, junior Shelly Nissen and Kristin Sorrells shows off their pajamas on "pajama day." Each day during homecoming week, students were able to dress up in different ways to earn class of the year points. As part of a senior tradition Sorrells chose to wear a toga on "pajama day". photo by Emily Miller



Junior Carrie

Schroeder races down the waterslide at White Water University. On the last days of summer, Schroeder and her friends passed the time tanning and swimming in the wave pool. *photo by Lisa Defigueiredo*



Struggling to

hold on, junior Anne Sciorrotta hits a big wave while tubing at Sun Valley. Sciorrotta spent the rest of the day jet skiing and water skiing with junior Kelli Brown and family. *photo by Kelli Brown*



Emerging from

the Atlantic, teacher Mr. Jerry Stratton finishes snorkeling. Stratton and his wife went on a seven day cruise to St. Tomas, St. Croix and San Juan for their honeymoon. *photo by Melissa Stratton*



Seen & Heard

The Best:

Hang out	Night Clubs
Pool	Camp Dodge Pool
Water park	White Water
Lake	Saylorville Lake
Activity at the lake	Skiing
Swimsuit	Bikini
Swim trunks	Speedos
Food to snack on	Chips
Beach	Big Creek
Place to tan	Backyard
Time to tan	Late Afternoon
Sunglasses	Oakleys
Day time TV show	The Young and The Restless

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Make A Splash

While students got their feet wet, they also managed to get paid and have fun while doing it

Swimming, fishing, skiing and tubing were many activities students did. Steve Roth, a junior, went fishing and caught a very unusual object. "My lure got caught on something so I gave my grandfather my reel and jumped into the water to fetch it," Roth said. "I came to find out it was a steel keg."

While some students were out having the time of their lives, others were out making money. Senior Mandy Jamison got a job with children during her summer vacation. "I worked at a daycare all summer and every Thurs-

day was splash day," said Jamison. "Splash day is when we took the kids outside and they got to play in the pools and the sprinklers."

Sophomore Lindsey Wilde got a job helping physically and mentally challenged children. "I was a counselor at Camp Sunny Side. It's a summer camp where physically and mentally challenged children can participate in outdoor activities like swimming, canoeing or crafts," said Wilde.

Whether it was working hard or doing something with friends or family, every student looked forward to the day where they could live their summer life. *spread by Alycia Comer*



"My friends and I went skiing at Saylorville. The funniest memory was teaching Erin Flynn to ski. She couldn't get the skis on, but she got up on her first try."

-Kelly Clarkson, junior



Plunging

towards the water, senior Shaun Riley braces himself for the impact from the jump. Throughout the summer, many students went to Red Rock to experience cliff diving. *photo by Margo McCravy*

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Bearing the cold

weather, freshmen Emily Feaster, Zac Bronson, Kyle Mertz, Joel Jacobs, Quinn Synniewski and Jeff French participate in the parade. The varsity, sophomore and freshmen football teams had their own float. *photo by Emily Miller*



Competing for

his team, Moorehead, sophomore Jeremy Gannon spits a gumball onto a paper towel during the wheelbarrow race. Other events included human pictionary and piggyback races. *photo by Anne Sciorrotta*



Applying a

coat of purple paint, junior Shelby Sleep and sophomore Megan Sheeks help make the Danz Team float at junior Chrystal Martin's house. The team decided to alternate school colors to make their float stand out from all of the others. *photo by Emily Miller*



Seen & Heard

Homecoming Parade

First Place Float	Seniors
Second Place Float	Freshmen
Third Place Float	Sophomores
Fourth Place Float	Juniors

Pep Assembly

Dating Game Winner	Tommy Myers
Prize	Mr. Harswick

Teepeeing

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Rock Around the Clock

First Place Team	Tanked
Disqualified Team	Bulldogs

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Homecoming week was a substantial contrast to normal life. It gave students plenty to keep themselves occupied.

The homecoming parade started off the weekend by allowing students to display their artwork and creativity in float-building. They painted floats and they painted each other. "Adam Twedt took a spray can and went around spraying people. That sort of started a paint war," said freshman Eric Fritz.

Rock Around the Clock followed the parade. Teams of eight students competed in fourteen events like putting and tug-of-war. Sophomore Lauren Conway said, "During the tug

of war, we almost got pulled in a couple of times, but we finally yanked the other team into the pit."

As students came to school on Friday morning, they discovered another unusual sight. Supervised teepeeing had left the school under a canopy of toilet paper. "There were a lot of people there, so it only took us like twenty minutes to do the entire school," said senior Jenny Hunter.

Homecoming week was a drastic change from the ordinary school days and homework filled nights. It helped add variety to the student's lives. *spread by Emily Miller and Kristin Sorrells*



"The cheerleaders put a cup in our pants that had no bottom in it. Then they put a penny on our head and we had to get it into the cup. While our eyes were closed, they poured water into the cups."

-Ken Jones, senior



Getting down

and dirty at Rock Around the Clock, junior Tonya Riley plummets onto the pudding slip and slide. Mr. Jerry Stratton splattered the students with pudding as they plunged down the slide.

photo by Anne Sciorrotta



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Deciding what to wear
and how to wear it
turned students into

Fashion Victims

The search was on for the perfect Homecoming wardrobe. Students had to find outfits for dress-up days, coronation and the dance.

Dress-up days were a way to escape the everyday pressure to fit in. "It was the one day you could come all funky and nobody cared," said freshman Mike Porter. "On pajama day I got to come in my comfy blue robe and my dog slippers."

Others found it was more stressful, such as the attendants. "I thought being a Homecoming attendant would be expensive because I needed outfits for the parade, the game, coronation and the dance. I ended up wearing outfits I

already had and I borrowed one from Kyla Kiester," said sophomore Lacey Corcoran.

Students who didn't know what to expect found it difficult to find what they needed. Many who hadn't been to the dance before were faced with the problem of what to buy. Freshman Melissa Ward said, "I had to try on about ten dresses before I finally decided on a short burgundy dress with flowers on it from Younkers."

After spending time coordinating colors and mixing and matching prints, students created their perfect outfits. *spread by Kate Vocolka and Anne Sciorrotta*

After being
centered in front of the
background, junior Jake
Lohr and date, Katrina
Gratias, wait for their
picture to be taken at the
dance. Lohr took Gratias
to Applebee's for dinner
and spent the rest of the
night at the dance. *photo*
by Anne Sciorrotta



"I thought the pictures this year were good because the background fit right in with the theme of Homecoming. We got to the dance early enough that we didn't have to wait very long in line."

-Troy Hansen, junior



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Friends for six years, seniors Kelly Angstrom and Alicia Baumgarn have their picture taken by senior Lisa Gentile. Most of the crowd congratulated the king and queen after the coronation ceremony. *photo by Kate Vocelka*

After the coronation, seniors Casey Hansen and Jason Ceretti give Homecoming King Ryan Ruisch a hard time. While Ceretti distracted Ruisch, Hansen stole Ruisch's six-pack of Snickers. *photo by Kate Vocelka*



Seen & Heard

Homecoming Court

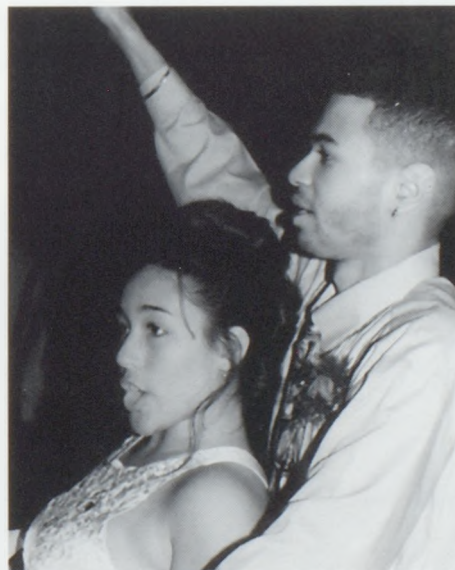
Freshman Attendants Ashley Bengard
Nathan Kirkpatrick

Sophomore Attendants Lacey Corcoran
Andy Shanley

Junior Attendants Chrystal Martin
Eric Peterson

Senior Attendants Christine Notis
Heather Patterson
Kevin Anderson
Dan Sundblad

Queen & King Kelly Angstrom
Ryan Ruisch



Moving with the beat, senior Kelli Wong and date, Sterling Smith, get down to the music. Inside the gym, students danced in front of the strobe light to songs such as Macarena and Margaritaville. *photo by Mullica Studios*

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Searching for a
case of Quilted Northern
toilet paper, senior Keith
Hoppe balances on a shelf in
the back room of Osco
Drug. Hoppe worked about
20 hours a week to earn
money for car payments.
photo by Tim Keck



Planning his
strategy, junior Ryan
Kirkpatrick prepares to
pick up a seven-ten split.
Kirkpatrick and
classmates Adam Nieting,
Ryan McGowan and
Chuck Terhune bowled
on weekends at Merle
Hay Lanes. *photo by*
Michelle Norton



Preparing an
afternoon snack, freshman
Jenna Peitzman mixes the
cookie batter while freshman
Kim Elsham adds the
chocolate chips. Peitzman
and Elsham also challenged
one another to a game of
basketball and rollerbladed.
photo by Tim Keck



Seen & Heard

The Best:

Mall	Valley West
Fast food	McDonald's
Movie theater	Cobblestone 9
Things to do	Watch movies
	Go to the mall
Road trip	Minneapolis
Movie store	Moovies
Restaurant	Applebee's
Place after games	Ground Round
Ice cream place	Van Dee's
Way to earn money	Work

(50 people surveyed)

GOOD IDEA: GOING OUT WITH YOUR SIGNIFICANT OTHER

BAD IDEA: GOING OUT WITH SOMEONE ELSE'S SIGNIFICANT OTHER

After a grinding
week of education,
life on weekends

Changes Gears

When someone thought of weekends, their thoughts were often associated with going to movies, going to the mall or simply spending time with friends.

Others, however, used time in creative ways. "I go to Iowa City to see my sister in college a lot because the college scene is much better than the high school scene," said senior Sara Hill. "There's a lot more to do in a college town."

Many pursued personal interests. "I referee games for youth soccer," said junior Aditya Mahajan. "I like helping the younger kids that are just getting started in the sport because they really

look up to you."

Despite these unique ways of entertainment, some students had trouble finding different things to do. "There's not a whole lot to do in Des Moines, so my friends and I usually do the same thing on the weekends," said freshman Misti Thoren. "We go to each others' houses or to the mall and just hang out."

During weekends, students needed a way to energize for the next five school days. "A long week of school wears me out, so I use the weekend to recover by sleeping and relaxing," said senior Josh Fausch.
spread by Tim Keck



"I really like paintball because it gives me a chance to get away from all the pressures of school for a while. It gives me a huge adrenaline rush and involves a lot of skill."

-Vachel White, senior



Objecting to
his hand in a round of Roll Your Own Piano, senior Mark Oiler harasses the dealer. Oiler and junior Shelly Nissen joined some friends at senior Alicia Frasier's house for a Friday night game of poker. *photo by Tim Keck*



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Examining his
fishing rod, senior Jared
Grant gets ready to go ice
fishing at Big Creek Lake.
The lake was a popular ice
fishing spot throughout the
winter. Next year, Grant
plans to build an ice shanty
to support his fishing
endeavours. *photo by Tim
Keck*

Preparing for
another trip down the hill,
freshman Katie Keck and
sophomore Sara Harper take
advantage of the new fallen
snow at Camp Dodge.
Throughout the winter many
students ventured to Camp
Dodge to test out the hills.
photo by Tim Keck



Plotting her
throw, sophomore Erin
Derby holds a snowball for
her next victim. Having
snowball fights was a
popular form of recreation
for students after major
winter storms. *photo by
Michelle Norton*



Seen & Heard

The Best:

Ski resort	Afton Alps
Sledding hill	Camp Dodge
Winter food	Soup
Winter activity	Snowball fights
Way to warm up	Sit next to a fire
Kind of snowboard	Burton
Kind of skis	Salomon
Kind of coat	Columbia
Way to kill time	Build a snowman
Way to keep warm	Wear lots of layers

(50 people surveyed)

GOOD IDEA: **GOING DOWNHILL SKIING**

BAD IDEA: **GOING UPHILL SKIING**

With the first
flakes of winter,
students become

Snow Crazy

As the winter provided cold weather and snow, students provided different ideas of how to spend time in their arctic environment. While some preferred having fun outdoors, others used the winter surroundings for alternate interests.

Some students even made money off the cold weather. "I shovel drive-ways for some extra spending money," said sophomore Nick Wylie.

Many considered missing school due to snow days as another benefit. "Whenever we have a snow day, I use it to catch up on my sleep and watch *Oprah*," said senior Christy Thies.

The cold climate also provided hu-

morous situations. "When we went tubing at Sleepy Hollow, my brother fell off his tube and nearly got us kicked out of the park," said freshman Cory Briggs. "The rules are that you must stay on the tube, or else you become a hazard for other people."

Though dangerous, students took advantage of the slick conditions with their cars. "I like doing doughnuts in the parking lots with my car," said junior Stephanie Black. "I like to rev the engine and let the car slide."

No matter what they did, students were able to find ways to adapt to their winter wonderland. *spread by Timmy Keck*



"Whenever there is decent weather during the winter I go snowboarding with my friends. I like to try to make up new and different stunts all the time."

-Matt Schonhorst, junior



Struggling to scrape the snow off her windshield, junior Krista Larson rushes to beat the cold. The total accumulation that day was 3 inches. *photo by Tim Keck*

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Applying the last

piece of tape to the Santa Clause wrapping paper, senior Tashia Wiseman finishes her Christmas gift to senior Mary Ann Johnson. Wiseman exchanged gifts with family and close friends during the Christmas season.

photo by Anne Sciorrotta

Contemplating

his next shot, senior Jason Meade engages himself in a game of bumper pool at junior Nathan Huber's New Year's Eve bash. Bumper pool was included in the many activities that went on at Huber's party along with loud music and dancing.

photo by Wes Nyberg



Preparing to

go out trick-or-treating, junior Brad Sewell laces up a pair of football pants for junior Sarah Batchelder. Sewell, Batchelder and friends traveled around Green Meadows in search for candy on Beggers' Night.

photo by Jen Goode



Seen & Heard

The Best:

Holiday	Christmas
Holiday character	Santa Claus
Tree ornament	Star
Christmas candy	Candy canes
Halloween candy	Candy Bars
Halloween costume	Opposite sex
Valentine	Hallmark
Valentine's Day gift	Flowers
Conversation Hearts	Kiss me
	Love ya
Easter candy	Cadbury eggs
July 4th celebration	Fireworks
New Years' celebration	Party with friends

GOOD IDEA: WEARING YOUR SANTA SUIT TO A X-MAS PARTY

BAD IDEA: WEARING YOUR BIRTHDAY SUIT TO A X-MAS PARTY

During holidays,
students make up
any excuse to

Get Down

As the holidays approached students had an excuse to party. Together with friends, they found time to celebrate.

For Halloween, students gathered together and dressed up to beg for candy. "I went trick-or-treating as a nerd," said freshman Adam Twedt. "I pulled my pants way up high, slicked back my hair and wore thick, black glasses with tape in the middle. I just went around Green Meadows saying, 'Give me candy,' and everyone did."

On New Year's Eve, students stayed up way past their bedtimes, watching the ball drop. "For New Year's, I went to the Matterns' (juniors Marcia and Melissa) party. We danced and played

games like Twister. Lisa DeFigueiredo is so flexible, she won every time we played," said junior Stephanie Black.

When birthdays rolled around, parties brought more than cake and presents. "Every time we have a party Michelle (Norton, sophomore) brings a video camera," said sophomore Katie Weisz. "We pass the camera around and tape each other being dumb. At my surprise birthday party we took turns taping people singing and dancing."

With decorating Christmas Trees and handing out valentines, holidays proved to be an opportune time for students to celebrate in their own ways.

spread by Anne Sciorrotta



"I helped plan a surprise party for me, Shauna and Shelby (Sleep, juniors) because we have the same birthday. I was more surprised when a woman, in costume, came in and did a cheer for me with kicks and all."

-Eric Peterson, junior



Traveling to

classrooms during first period, senior Meghan Mandsager hands sophomore Leah Hoffschneider a carnation. National Honor Society sold carnations to students and passed them out to friends and sweethearts on Valentine's day. *photo by Alyssa Friedow*

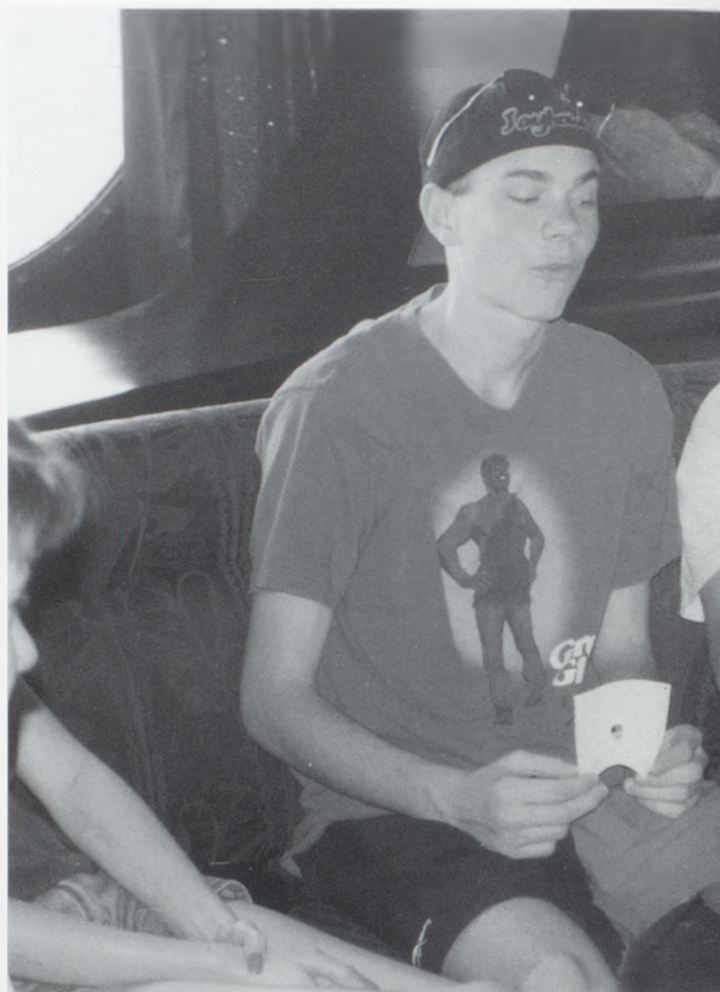
GOOD IDEA: BEGGING FOR CANDY ON HALLOWEEN

BAD IDEA: BEGGING FOR CANDY ON VALENTINE'S DAY

Lying down on
her towel, senior Christy
Thies catches some sun on
the beach. Theis and fellow
classmate, Kristin Sorrells,
vacationed in Panama Beach,
Florida. *photo by Kristin
Sorrells*



Waiting for
a winning number to be
called, chorus teacher Ryan
Becken plays bingo with
sophomore Adam Lewis.
Innovation went on a cruise
to Key West. *photo by Wes
Nyberg*



Visiting a
petting zoo in Arizona,
freshman Angela
Jennings stands next to
a wild burro. Jennings
also went to Las Vegas
and Disneyland with
her family during
spring break. *photo by
Kathy Jennings*



Seen & Heard

Best Skiers

Ryan McGowan, junior

Best Tan

Adam Straw, sophomore

Shauna and Shelby

Sleep, juniors

Chris Ceretti, sophomore

Best Transportation

Plane

Worst Transportation

Walking

Most Hours Worked

Greg Cottrell, sophomore,

19.43 at Burger King

Most Hours Slept

Nate Smock, sophomore,

36 in 2 days

Best Vacation Spot

Florida

Worst Vacation Spot

Des Moines

(80 people surveyed)

GOOD IDEA: TAKING A LONG VACATION

BAD IDEA: STAYING IN DES MOINES

A week away
from school
gave students

Time to Relax

When spring break was over, students headed back to school with hesitation. Some had great tans and others had more money, but all had stories to tell.

Many people went on vacations. Sophomore Aaron Atkinson said, "I'm originally from Canada, and I went back with my family to visit some old friends. It was nice to go and see the old gang. All of them noticed that I had picked up a slight American accent, so they kept calling me a Yankee."

While some were taking vacations, others were at home working. "I worked at Burger King as much as I could during the break. I like having the

extra money, and I didn't want to be around my family that much," said sophomore Greg Cottrell.

When there was nowhere to go and no work to do, there were always friends to do things with. Junior Jessica Ligas said, "My friend Sarah from Urbandale and I went on a roadtrip to Williamsburg to go shopping. We stayed there the whole day, so I ended up spending all of the money I had worked for earlier in the week."

Even though students were spread throughout the country, they still enjoyed the time of late nights with no homework and no early morning alarm clocks. *spread by Jennifer Gleason*



"We (Jen Goode & Erin Flynn, juniors) went to La Jolla, and there were animals that looked like sea urchins. We stuck our hands in them and it felt like they were sucking the blood out of us."

-Erin Flynn, junior



Squinting in

the morning sun, sophomores Dan Johnson, Nate Lynch and Adam Straw wait for a train to take them home. The three went skiing in Colorado with a group of middle schoolers. They ended up waiting 45 minutes for their train. *photo by Aaron Wych*

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As they compete

in a dance contest, senior Dan Sundblad and juniors Dan Thompson and Troy Hansen do the Twist. While hypnotized, Sundblad, Hansen, Thompson and others also raced cars, encountered elephants and smelled each other. *photo by Anne Sciorrotta*



Having a jolly

good time, junior Jeff May winds up to jab his Bouncing Boxing opponent. Students lined up to take out their aggression on their fellow classmates or dates to win big bucks. The prize was 500 after-prom-dollars for each knockout. *photo by Anne Sciorrotta*



After winning

a game of Blackjack, freshman Mary Mullinex collects her cash from the dealer, Mrs. Jan Brown. Other casino games, such as Roulette and Dice Poker, were played. *photo by Anne Sciorrotta*



Seen & Heard

The Best:

Place to buy a tux	Mr. Neat's
Place to buy a dress	Schaffer's
Place to buy flowers	Hy-Vee
After Prom game	Bouncing Boxing
After Prom prize	T-Shirts

Prom Court:

King	Casey Hansen
Queen	Emilie Houle
Attendants	Timmy Keck
	Sean Flannery
	Micia Fraiser
	Kyla Kiester

(25 people surveyed)



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From dinner to
breakfast, stu-
dents stayed

Out All Night

With the year winding down and finals and graduation approaching, the weekend of prom was a chance for students to burn off extra energy.

Some students had trouble getting everything perfect when the big night finally arrived. They found themselves rushing to make hair appointments and dinner reservations. "When I got my hair done the first time I hated everything about it," said senior Alyssa Samuelson. "I stopped at another salon on my way home and had it redone."

When the students arrived at the STARC Armory for the dance, they were confronted with security guards and metal detectors, a new addition to

the prom atmosphere due to recent terrorist attacks around the nation. "I was glad they had so much security at the dance," said junior Nate Lamb. "It'd be pretty crappy if it would have turned out like a *Die Hard* movie."

When the dance ended, students gathered in the gym for after-prom to play Bingo and casino games for prizes. "I wanted the fridge so I could take it to college and fill it with six-packs of soda to share with my college friends," said senior Scott Baker.

Despite all obstacles encountered, students still found ways to relax and enjoy the evening. *spread by Tim Keck and Anne Sciorrotta*



"My friends and I all had fun watching my prom date (Eric Wilcutt, junior) get hypnotized (by Sammi Dare) at after prom. Probably the best part was when he and Aimmée Roberts (senior) talked like aliens."

-Jessica Staley, junior



Accepting her

tiara, senior Emilie Houle is crowned queen by classmate Sarah Nichols as Kyla Kiester smiles while preparing to congratulate Houle. After the king and queen were crowned, Houle and Casey Hansen shared their spotlight dance.

photo by Alyssa Friedow

Good Food...
Good Feelings



After thirteen years, seniors dis- cover the Places They'll Go

"This (graduation) is everything we've been working for at this point in our lives," said senior Jade Baltazar. "We finally made it and have our diplomas to prove it."

After senior speakers B.J. Knapp and Kristin Sorrells addressed the audience and ping-pong balls had been thrown, many seniors were ready to move on to further education. "I am going to the University of Iowa to double-major in English and political science," said senior Beau Brindley. "Hopefully my studies will lead me to be a trial lawyer."

Although anxious to continue with their lives, some were sad to see their

classmates go. "Graduating was neat because everyone was there. We talked to people we hadn't seen in a long time or had just forgotten; we didn't have to talk to them, we just wanted to," said senior Erin Behanish.

After gathering for the last time, the senior class left on separate paths with two things in common: their diplomas and the many pieces of advice offered to guide them. One, from Mr. Brian Donahue's '97 edition of *Words of Wisdom*, stood above the rest. "Always strive to achieve more, because only those who risk going too far can possibly find out how far they can go." *spread by Tammy Walz and Jen Goode*

In an attempt to see how many people they can pile on the raft, seniors Chase Young, Tommy Myers, Ken Jones and junior Brent Whipps try to keep their balance as senior Dan Sundblad and junior Chuck Terhune put all of their effort into tipping them over. Aside from swimming, Chase Young's open house had a trampoline and a one hole golf course. *photo by Tammy Jo Walz*



"The best gift that I got for graduation was a microwave from my grandparents. It will really come in handy at college for midnight snacks because I hate to cook."

-Christy Thies, senior

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Skimming
through senior Tommy Myers' photo album, classmates Kellie Barney and Angie Weisz laugh at a picture from Myers' childhood. Many open houses had shrines honoring the graduates.
photo by Tammy Jo Walz

After receiving
her diploma from Mr. Clarence Stennes, President of the Board of Education, senior Sarah Bacino is congratulated by Dr. Richard Sundblad. Dr. James Casey and Mr. Dale Doudna also helped award the diplomas.
photo by Jen Goode



Seen & Heard

Top 3%

Sean Flannery Jason Meade
Angie Hefner Alyssa Samuelson
Meghan Mandsager Jason Schissel

Class Motto

"If we cannot find the road to success, we will make one."

Class flower Mountain Laurel
Class colors Purple and silver
Class size 166

Junior Attendants

Sharon Ehm
Adam Foster



Entering to
Pomp and Circumstance, played by sophomore Lisa Oviatt and freshman Amelia Groetsch, seniors Casey Clements and Angela DeHamer walk side by side to their seats. Groetsch and Oviatt also played *Largo* for the seniors processional, which followed the graduates' last Concert Choir performance.
photo by Tammy Jo Walz



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Players came to games to play, spectators to observe and coaches to coach, but behind the scenes, some students came simply to volunteer. Managers took time out of their busy schedules to help the teams and attend to their needs.

These students offered more than just their assistance. "During football season, Tim Keck would always lose his compact makeup case so I would give him my compact makeup case so he could use the mirror to get it back in," said sophomore football manager Sara Schnotala.

Some looked beyond the call of duty and towards the advantages of volunteering. "I really like being a wrestling manager. I get to see how the wrestlers improve throughout the year and I'm

able to experience the wins and losses with them," said junior Carrie Schroeder.

As a manager, freshman E.J. Runyan helped provide water for the athletes and rounded up the loose balls. "This gives me the chance to actually be a part of the team. I wanted to be in basketball when I was little and get to know the players, but I never could," said Runyan.

The managers did more than lend a helping hand. Depended on by the players and coaches, managers stood on the sidelines, out of the spotlight. *spread by Tammy Jo Walz and Anne Sciorrotta*



Mopping the

mats, senior Nate Slauson sterilizes the wrestling room for practice. The wrestling managers had to clean the mats and wash the towels for the team before every practice. *photo by Kate Vocelka*



"Often, unfairly, we get more of a crowd at games where the teams are having a successful season. The athletes can really feel the support from the crowd so I would like to see more of the community and student body at all events."

**-Mr. Gary Ross,
activities director**

GOOD IDEA: WEARING THE DRAGON SUIT DURING A GAME

BAD IDEA: WEARING THE OPPOSING TEAMS' MASCOT SUIT



Touching up

the locker signs, freshman Ashley Albertson outlines each letter in orange marker. Before games the cheerleaders hung an inspirational saying on each player's locker. *photo by Anne Sciorrotta*

Recording a shot

at a JV basketball game, sophomores Nicole Grimm and Kim Dorrell converse over a play. Managers volunteered to keep the statistics and be of assistance in practices and games. *photo by Michelle Norton*



Seen & Heard

Managers

Varsity football Sara Schnotala
Katie McClure
Megan Evans

Varsity volleyball Kevin Anderson

Varsity girls' basketball Kevin Anderson

Varsity boys' basketball Sara Schnotala
Cassie Christensen
E.J. Runyon

Wrestling Nate Slanson
Carrie Schroeder
Kelli Kramer



Leading the

cross country team through the course, senior Shane Kinsey crosses the bridge at Cherry Glen. "I liked the job because I got to drive Mr. Oldham's moped all around. And I got paid," said Kinsey. He also helped with stats and scores at football and basketball games. *photo by Anne Sciorrotta*

GOOD IDEA: SETTING UP THE NETS BEFORE A VOLLEYBALL GAME

BAD IDEA: SETTING UP THE NETS BEFORE A BASKETBALL GAME

entertainment tonight

Television

Primetime Show	Seinfeld
Cartoon	Simpsons
Talk Show	Oprah
Soap Opera	Days of Our Lives

Card Games

Best	Poker
Worst	War

Dance Club

Best	3rd St. Rock Café
Worst	Guitars & Cadillacs

Eats

Best Restaruant	Applebee's
Best Fast Food	McDonald's

LINGO

Friends
Hello
Good-Bye
Thanks
Looking Good

Bud
Hommies

Hey
Sup

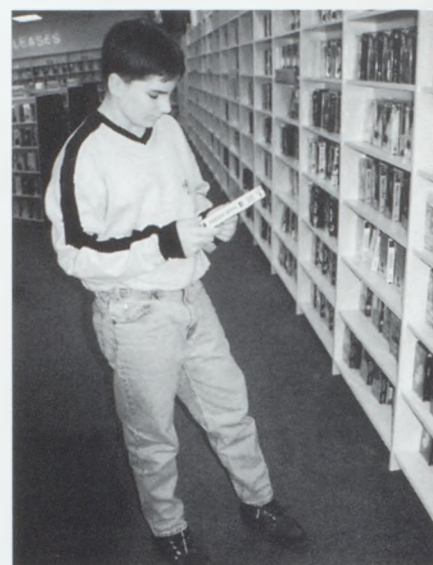
See Ya
Outtie
Later

Much Obligated
Spanx
Gracias

Ultra Fetching
Swank

Reading the story plot

of *Four Rooms*, sophomore Ryan Helps checks out the selection of new releases at Moovies. Moovies was the number one place to rent videos with Blockbuster Video and Five Star Video tying for second. photo by Anne Sciorrotta



Start Your Engines

BEST/WORST

Car Type
Jeeps/Ford

Color
Black/Yellow

Accessory
CD Player/Tape Deck

munchies

Pop: 1. Mt. Dew
2. Pepsi
3. Coke

Chips: 1. Doritos
2. Pringles
3. Baked Lays

Candy: 1. Snickers
2. Sprees
3. Butterfingers

Gum: 1. Winterfresh
2. Big Red
3. Watermelon

THE BEST...	MALL	CLOTHING STORE	MUSIC STORE	SHOE STORE	SPORTS STORE
SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP	#1 Valley West #2 Merle Hay #3 Mega Mall	#1 Gap #2 A.E.O. #3 Gadzooks	#1 Best Buy #2 Musicland #3 Disc Jockey	#1 Foot Locker #2 Payless #3 Hotline	#1 Jumbo Sports #2 Sportmart #3 Foot Locker



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Removing a security tag, junior Missy Knowles rings up a pair of pants for freshmen Courtney Rotz and Lindsey Conway. Knowles worked at The Buckle in Merle Hay Mall, a popular clothing store carrying brands such as Guess and Lucky. *photo by Kate Vocelka*

Information gathered from 25 students in each grade. spread by Anne Sciorrotta



MOVIE MANIA

Rental

Best Moovies
Worst Hy-Vee

Theaters

Best Selection Cobblestone
Best Popcorn Carmike 11
Best Screen River Hills

Movies

Comedy *Jerry Maguire*
Drama *Romeo and Juliet*
Action *The Rock*

Quote Quiz

- A. "Luke, I am your father."
B. "I could sure go for some cupcakes or some peanut butter cups right about now."
C. "I'll be right back."
D. "Show me the money!"
E. "Because I am Spartacus."

1. *That Thing You Do*
2. *Scream*
3. *Black Sheep*
4. *Jerry Maguire*
5. *Empire Strikes Back*

Answers: A5, B3, C2, D4, E1



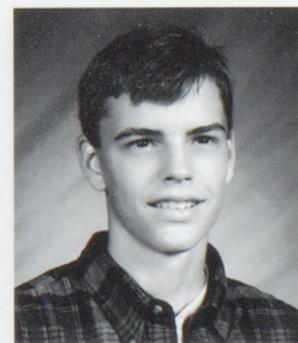
Lacing up her Doc Martens, sophomore Nicole Frank gets ready to go out. Doc Martens was voted the most fashionable brand of shoe to wear. Other favorites were Nike and Airwalk. *photo by Michelle Norton*



FRESHMAN
Michelle Collignon

"I saw Sister Soleil, and she was active, jumping around on the stage. Everyone was moshing, but I didn't want to get hurt. People were walking around with black eyes and ripped shirts."

SENIOR
Chris Kroeger



"I thought the Smashing Pumpkins concert was awesome, except the security was really tight. They wouldn't let us sit wherever we wanted to and they prohibited moshing."

GOOD IDEA: SPENDING TWO HOURS DYING YOUR HAIR GREEN

BAD IDEA: SPENDING TWO HOURS DYING YOUR HAIR THE SAME COLOR

At the Village

Square Day Care Center, junior Beth Simpson helps a young artist color his sheet.

Simpson helped the children in many ways by teaching them the right and wrong ways to act. She gave them an older student to look up to and set good examples for them to follow.

photo by Alycia Comer



Junior Tony

Dunsy dishes out a meatball sub within a couple of minutes for a waiting customer.

Dunsy, along with other classmates, has worked at the Fazoli's Italian Fast Food restaurant on Merle

Hay Road for the last couple of years. *photo by Alycia Comer*



Stopping the

powerful kick with her body, freshman Kate McNerney plays goalie for one of the many indoor soccer teams. McNerney and other students played on a club team at the Johnston Indoor Soccer Complex during the off season. *photo by Alycia Comer*



After bowling

her fifth frame, junior Crissy Hon brags about her strike to her fellow competitors. Along with her friends, senior Shane Kinsey and junior Matt Longmire, Hon enjoyed an exciting night of bowling at Plaza Lanes on Douglas Avenue. *photo by Alycia Comer*



Buy/Sell

The stores were expensive/cheap to shop in ■ Students checked their gas gauges to make sure their tanks were full/empty ■ The food at the restaurant was served hot/cold ■ Getting a book/movie was a good/bad idea for something to do to pass the time ■ Students dined in/out with their friends ■ When going out, they went with family/friends ■ Malls/thrift stores were popular places to shop ■ Money was earned by working days/nights ■ Seniors had their pictures taken by a professional/amateur ■ Going to work/play is part of a student's daily life ■ The waiter/waitress brought them the right/wrong food ■ Dogs/cats were taken to the vet ■ Feeling sick/healthy, students went to the doctor/stayed home ■ Younger siblings told their brothers/sisters they'll miss him/her in a senior ad ■ spread by Alycia Comer



Running a check through the register, sophomore Kirk Wisecup finishes a customer's order. Wisecup performed many tasks at Hy-Vee such as stocking shelves and bagging groceries. *photo by Alycia Comer*

Jason Ceretti



Jason Ceretti



Jason:

I am proud of the caring young man you have become. Keep your goals high; you will achieve them with hard work and determination. Continue to make right choices and always follow your dreams. Be good and drive careful!

Love,
Mom

Angela,

We are so proud of you. We know that you will be successful in whatever you decide to do. May all of your dreams come true.

Love Dad & Mom



Angela DeHamer

Dear Ellen,

We wish you much happiness and success in the future!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Taylor and Rachel



Ellen Bryant



Jenny Meek

Congratulations, Jen! You're always been a bright and shining "star" in our lives, and you have filled us with pride and joy over the years. Be proud, not only of your accomplishments, but of the wonderful person you've become. Continue to set your goals high, follow your dreams and make good decisions. You'll always have our love and support.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Clint & Andrew

Congratulations
Christine

Love,
Mom, Dad &
Nick



Christine Notis



Kelly Angstrom

Hi cutie!

We are so proud of you and all of your accomplishments. We love you, and our prayers are with you for your great future.

Love,
Dad, Mom & Kirsten

Dear Lisa,

We are very proud of you. The future is yours!! We know you will do well in whatever you pursue. Your family will always be there for you.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Tony



Lisa Gentile



Kristin Sorrells

Kristin-
In everything you
choose to do, you
shine bright. Keep
your light shining al-
ways. We love you.

Mom, Dad, Brian &
Jackie



Mandy Jamison

Congratulations!
We are so proud of
you and wish you
the best of luck in all
you do. Good Luck!

Love,
Dad, Mom, Emily
and Pokey

To "My Girl,"

You are the best daughter a mom
could have asked for. I am so proud of
you. Keep up the good work!

We love you,
Mom,

Buckey, Bailey, Buster, Sammie,
Curly Sue, Chloe, Corey and the fish



Lauren Pendergraft



Joshua Fausch

Whatever you
may get into
you'll be a
great success.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Tim Keck

Tim-
We're so proud of all
you've accom-
plished. What a great
son!

Love,
Mom & Dad

Congratulations,
Maso! We're so
proud of you.

Love,
Mom and Dad



Jessica Dawson



Penny Nichols

*Penny,
Whew! You made it this
far, and there's so much,
much more...*

We are so proud.

*Love,
Mom, Dad, Steffie, Claire*

*Sarah,
Pride is not a big enough
word. We can't wait to see all
the great things that unfold in
your life. Thank you for being
the daughter that you are.*

*With much love,
Mom & Dad*



Sarah Bidney



Jenna Logan

Still "danzing" after all
these years.
Congatulations and
we love you. Dance
on Jen!

Love,
Mom & Dad



Jason Reber

We love you and we
are so proud!

Always do your best
and follow your
heart.

Love,
Mom & Dad

Congratulations
and follow your
dreams.

Aunt Shirley and
Aunt Joy



Cheryl Larson

Congratulations Jamie.
We could never have
imagined a daughter who
would make us prouder
than you have. Keep God
first in your choices and
decisions. Dream big
dreams and go for them
with the promise that we
are always here for you.

We love you!
Mom, Dad and Tyler



Jamie Mai

Congratulations Chris!
We are so proud of you.
You have brought a lot
of joy into our lives.

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Matt and Lindsey



Chris Kroeger

Dear Meghan,
"Joy sanzfn." Thank you for
being such a joy in our lives.

Love,
Mom, Dad, Maddie,
Hank, Kyle, & Grant



Meghan Mandsager

Congratulations Jade.
Remember, find some-
thing you love to do,
and you'll never have
to work another day in
your life. We believe
in your many talents.

Love,
Mom & Dad



Jade Baltazar

Thanks for the night!!! We hope you liked breakfast!!!



Ben Oviatt, Nicole Chavas, Ed McAtee, Erin Russom, Wes Nyberg, Katie Noring

Wishing you a future of tomorrows
full of as much fun as you put into
all our yesterdays!!



Alyssa Friedow

Love,
Mom & Dad



Alyssa Friedow

Heather Goecke, Leslie McAtee, Morgan Cavanaugh



Morgan-

We've all had a great time this year. Here's a few things that might spark some memories. **The black stallion, APPLE PICKERS**, windows breaking, **the Swayne's, Boelmer, soap on car windows**, talking on the phone until 3 A.M., *laying pipe*, know of a good plumber?, the Shaw brothers, *talking the talk*, stop signs, **Brookview DR.**, *the Bathroom Door*, Five course meals, and don't forget #'s 27, 14, 20, 15, 22. We just want to wish you good luck in all you do! We'll be sure to come and visit!

Love Ya,
Leslie and Heather

Kelli, Kate, Annie



TO THE FOUR FINE
GUYS THAT
DANCED THEIR
WAY INTO OUR
HEARTS,
THANKS FOR
ENTERTAINING US!
LOVE 'N' STUFF,
THOSE THREE
CHICKS



Matt, Brian, Casey, Joe



Christine Notis & Greta Davis

Nini,
Thanx
for the years



Annie "gertie, frank, melaina" Sciorrotta
Kate "cookies 'n' cream, fred, pudge" Vocelka
Kelli "switch, sammie, carson" Brown
Erin "spock, yellow crusader, rein" Russom
Mary Ann "red, hairy man, frenchie" Johnson



Erin, Kelli, Mary Ann, Anne, Kate

shampoo you oreo the light the elbow trick hang with us *mysterious rose*
louie & ralph skeeter COLD FETTUCCINI LEMON DROPS that's probably true
space jam APARTMENT H Joe's a sex machine log rolling video cameras
CLV guys in ties towels you have cows on your tie *yeah and crabs too* internet
iowacowboy *it's totally there's bag* spice girls forbidden cabin sucked out *roof big*
sweatshirts girls' state basketball hippy *squeaky shoes* burning pictures *dying hair*
hand and foot And I really think FINE *gillette chicks lost on new years eve* aliens on
kelli sroof *3rd street* scream shoop baby shoop *bananas in pajamas* that's our
farm lunchini the plaza chocolate chip cookie dough lookin' good *all they got to do is*
walk rock 'n' bowl winkin' undies shhh, don't tell them about wings *pansy little*
pink thing double pane glass elmo wearin' shoes tom cruise relations
YAYAYAYAYA *jewel creating art* Let's get in a car and drive forever *shakin'*
easter bunny yep yep yep right right right *arms and legs and they were forced to stay at their desks*
and the capital of nebraska is lincoln i quit! i quit! Donde está los chicos guapos? *the freshman*
dolphins flannel *bob. ted. billy* the ropes course i right here *crop tops* I'm with
stupid SHAMPOO COMING AT YOU whip it good goat boy SUPERMODEL the
outlaw peeing our pants 976-babe what took you so long, your face? 4 screw 5 i
carried a watermelon? *swing swing swing* kung-fu fighting! out proud! beany
babies *bumblebee tuna* Tommy girl Cheese Wheeze *TEXAS* has a dinosaur ever told
you that he loved you, well I love you *hugs pugs splink splink* @-->-- LOL :o)~ NOOCH!!!!!!

Cheryl & Robert Larson



Cheryl-

Whether we were fighting with each other or teamed up against someone...we were always friends again at the end of

the day. I hope the best for whatever your future brings you.

-Your brother.

P.S. Never let nasty haired trolls tell you that you can't do it. Prove them wrong or get revenge!

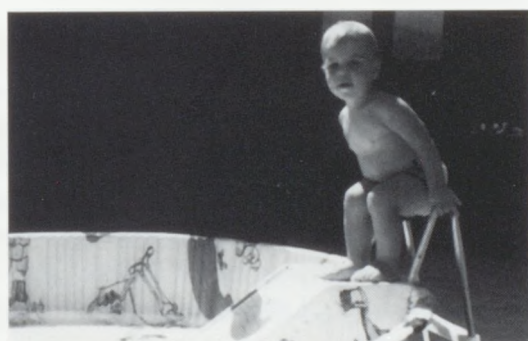
Tenisha Davis & Amy Martens



Tenisha,

Thank you for sharing a part of your life with me. Thank you for sharing laughs with me, time and time again. I'm grateful that I met you, someone who understands me. I wish the best for you when you leave and I will NEVER forget our friendship. I will always remember you.

I thank the Lord for you Tenisha!



Trent Tillman

Son, remember you can't go swimming if you don't get wet. Dive into life and enjoy it to the fullest! We love you and we are very proud of you.

Dad, Mom and Adam

BROOKLYN

Four friends bonded forever, so many times to remember. Stocking at Hy-Vee, LB is the shit. Driving too fast to Cedar Rapids and getting a ticket. Straw-ber-ies, and we like it. Eating fajitas made by Chef Mike. Who needs sophomore way? Dazed fused, all the ping on rain. Chuck's tures are a are the personating guys from named Ben. The car wash Spending the on the boat.



Brooke Miller

guys, any- and Con-way. Step-worms in the stress frac-pain. Jeeps bomb. Im-Tom. Short Bondurant Luke says, "is open." summer out

Gotta sing "Let Me Clear My Throat." Valley guys rule, well, maybe. California Love, Shake it Baby. "I'm sorry," the thing Brent can't say. Lunch at Jen's everyday. Please don't forget us, please stay in touch. We'll always be here for you and love you so much!

George, Jenmanji and Flynnaki



Tommy Myers

Congratulations Tommy,
We are so proud of you for
so many reasons and love
you dearly.
Mom and Dad

To every adversity there
is an equal or greater in
life. You have been able
to overcome all life's
adversities which has
made you a better and
stronger person. We're
proud of you and all
your accomplishments.
The future is yours.

Love,
Mom, Dad, & Amy



Chase Young

to jo jo the monkey-
the girl you shoot will you use, it's a flirtfest '97, bobbbers!.,
Story comparing & going downtown to get lost in the car were
great. Get rebuff. compy. AWS. thanks for listening to me
ramble on about the boy I kill. never forget where you're at.
Gimme 10-15, then check back. Never ask questions that begin
with "Why don't you...?" Guilt trip city.
From the macduff swank one- you never know what will happen!!

Kell-belle, we've had such fun
since you were a little one! Stay
sweet and kind, keep the faith as
you prepare to graduate. We're
so proud of you, we love you so.
Remember this wherever you go!
Mom & Dad



Kelli Wong

Kelli-

First you get your two front teeth, now you're
graduating and then you're off to college next
fall- your future is looking bright Big Sis. You
always did get to do everything first. Anyway,
if you ever need me, no matter what, I'll be
there to cover your back. Giddy Up !

Little K



Katie & Kelli Wong

Congratulations
Heather!
We're so proud
of you!
Love, Mom, Dad
and Grant



Heather
Patterson

Thanks for all the great times on the
cruise, I'll miss you all!
Love, Alyssa



Alyssa Friedow,
Jennifer Georgen,
Jarod Carl,
Amanda Jamison,
Ashley Sires



Tim
Wanted Man
Jock
All Consuming
Loverboy
Keck



Wes
Grandpa
AntiChrist
Index God
Wed
Nyberg



Ed
The Mac
Pervert
Worthless
Es
McAtee

Hey Team P,

You may have seduced the editors into
checking off boxes or talked your way out
of deadlines. You may have won the war,
but you better watch your backs. Team G
will come back next year, FULL FORCE!!!
Love you guys, AnnyJen

Justin, these are my wishes for you.

May you find serenity and tranquility in a world
you may not always understand. May the pain you
have known and the conflict you have experienced
give you the strength to walk through life facing each
new situation with courage and optimism. Always
know that there are those whose love and understanding
will always be there, even when you feel most alone.
May you discover enough goodness in others to
believe in a world of peace. May a kind word,
a reassuring touch, and a warm smile be yours
every day of your life, and may you give these
gifts as well as receive them. Remember the
sunshine when the storm seems unending. Teach
love to those who know hate, and let love embrace
you as you go into the world. May the teachings
of those you admire become part of you, so that
you may call upon them. Remember, those whose
lives you have touched and who have touched



Justin Ehm

yours are always a part of you, even if the encounters
were less than you would have wished. It is the content
of the encounter that is more important than its form.
May you not become too concerned with material
matters, but instead place immeasurable value
on the goodness in your heart. Find time in
each day to see beauty and love in the world
around you. Realize that each person has
limitless abilities, but each of us is different in
our own way. What you may feel you lack
in one regard may be more than compensated
for in another. What you feel you lack in the
present may become one of your strengths
in the future. May you see your future as one
filled with promise and possibility. Learn to
view everything as a worthwhile experience.
May you find enough inner strength to determine your
own worth by yourself, and not be dependent on
another's judgement of your accomplishments. May you
always feel loved. -- by Sandra Sturtz

Your mother

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What was the best thing that happened to you?



"The best thing that happened to me was when Lindsey Hansen (sophomore) and I

started going out. I asked her out at 11:30 p.m. after the homecoming dance on October 5."

Josh Sienkiewicz, senior



"My favorite memory was when my car got chosen for 'Junker of the Month,' mainly

because this finally puts me and my car on the map."

Nancy Masinando, senior

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What was the worst thing that happened to you?

"The worst thing was when I was brutally forced to move into a haunted house."



I knew it was haunted because sometimes when I was home alone, I heard a conversation going on in the next room."

Becca Tapken, sophomore

"The worst thing that happened to me was when I got initiated for swimming."



"We had to dress up really weird with lots of makeup and go to the pharmacy and ask for condoms and how to use them."

Nicole Weirich, freshman

What was your proudest moment?



"My proudest moment was when my team voted me for captain of the soccer team. It

made me feel good that they had confidence in me to be a good leader."

Lauren Pendergraft, senior



"My proudest moment was when my best buddy Wes Nyberg (junior) and I went to

this party and we were dancing, eating up a storm and the ladies were going crazy over us. They were just going nuts!!!"

Ed McAtee, junior

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What was your most embarrassing moment?

"My most embarrassing moment was when I was leaving Central Campus

and I tripped on a rope between the buses, fell forward into a big muddy snowpile and slid on my face in the mud."

Tiffany Swanson, junior



"My most embarrassing moment was when my friend Ed McAtee (junior) and I

went to a party, and man, Ed was all over the place. He got all sweaty and started talking to women and embarrassing himself. When people would ask me if I was his friend, I just smiled and said, 'Nope'."

Wes Nyberg, junior



What was your favorite class?



"My favorite class is Photo Art 2 because I like photography and I enjoy working indepen-

endantly. That way I can depend on only myself to accomplish my deadlines."

Sean Hulsebus, sophomore



"My favorite class is English because I enjoy working with the people in that class."

One time, Jacob Strohman fell asleep during a video, and the next semester, we made a rule that there was to be no sleeping during videos."

Abbie Onken, freshman

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*What was your
least favorite class?*

*"My least
favorite class is
math because
we got new
textbooks this
year and no one*



*gets what the class is doing.
Another thing that is kind of
annoying is that the first 10-20
minutes of class are about the
teacher's life, and it gets kind of
boring."*

Melissa Miller, freshman

*"I really don't
like gym be-
cause it serves
no real purpose.
There are much
better things*



*that one could fill their schedule
with that they could take with
them after high school."*

Joe Bickel, senior

What was your favorite school lunch?



"My favorite lunch is a bagel and a yogurt. I get them not only for their tasty goodness,

but because the other lunches just aren't worth a hoot."

Adam Graaf, freshman



"My favorite lunch is fish shapes. I like them because they don't give us toys in

school, and I can play with them. I like to pretend that they are real fish and they like to swim into the big cave(my mouth)."

Greta Davis, freshman

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 You and Have a Nice Day.

*What was your least
 favorite school lunch?*

*"My least
 favorite lunch
 is the fish
 shapes. I don't
 like them
 mainly because*



*I just don't like fish, but also
 because they always have bones
 that get stuck in my teeth."*

Jill Emmerich, sophomore

*"I don't like the
 ravioli. I have
 never liked it.*

*When they
 serve it I
 usually get the*



*Ala Carte. What I get in the Ala
 Carte line differs from day to
 day, but I usually get pizza."*

Steve Adkisson, freshman

Trying to keep

each other up, freshman Alyssa Smith and sophomore Sarah Martin ice skate with poise. For their physical education field trip, gym students went ice skating at the Metro Ice Sports Arena and snow tubing at Sleepy Hollow Sports Park. *photo by Michelle Norton*



Marching into

position, senior drum major Jason Schissel leads the marching band onto the field. Drum majors wore partial masks to enhance the "Phantom of the Opera" theme. The band chose it to relate to the Broadway musical that came to Des Moines. *photo by Eddie McAtee*



Thinking about

his next at-bat, senior Jason Ceretti waits for his turn at the pitcher. While on deck, baseball players would use the opportunity to practice their technique. When he finally reached the plate, Ceretti was struck in the nose by a ball and missed several games. *photo by Jen Goode*



Making signs for

leadership retreat, senior SAIL member Sarah Bidney works dilligently on her poster. SAIL members wore out many markers while making signs for the cabins at the retreat. The signs helped direct students to their cabins once they arrived in Boone. *photo by Leslie McAtee*



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Student Council spent Wednesday mornings working

hard/hardly working to improve the school • SADD mem-

bers pretended to be dead/alive for a day • Foreign Lan-

guages proved to be easy/difficult to learn • Students

passed/failed the tests in their classes • Kids got a lot/little

out of their field trips • Sports games were exciting/boring

when they went down to the wire • Athletes executed their

plays with confidence/timidity • The band kept/didn't

keep pace with its director The students took good/bad

pictures for their mug shots • The lead character in the spring

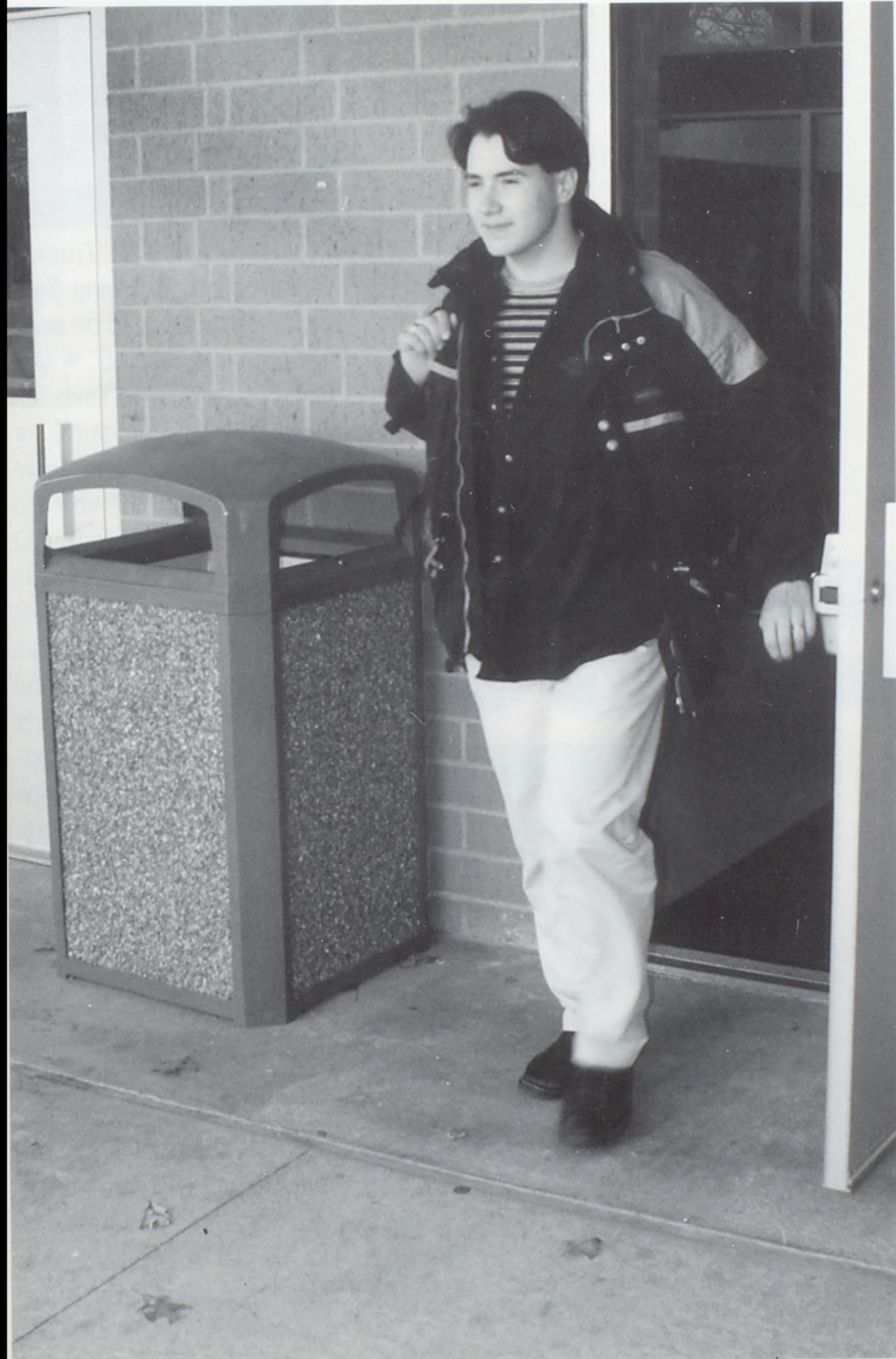
play was a man/beast • Final deadlines in yearbook were

hectic/calm • The D.J. was rockin'/terrible at Prom • Gym

classes ice skated with grace/clumsiness • Seniors cried/

rejoiced when they graduated • spread by Eddie McAtee

After a long day
of school, senior Ben Oviatt
leaves for the day. Although
many of the seniors took
advantage of the ability to
leave early, Oviatt stayed
until the last bell in order to
make his play rehearsal.
Oviatt was in both "The
Diary of Anne Frank" and
"Beauty and the Beast."
photo by Eddie McAtee



50 Years Ago...

the Johnston Yearbook Staff brought you the first issue of *The Dragon*. This is what went on during the year of 1947:

President Harry S. Truman was in office. ■ "Flying Saucers" are reported to be seen flying around the U.S. ■ U.S. Congress proposed limitation of presidency to two terms. ■ Britain had its most severe winter since 1894. ■ NBC voted to ban crime shows before 9:30 p.m. ■ The New York Yankees won the World Series against the Brooklyn Dodgers. ■ Illinois defeated U.C.L.A. to win the Rose Bowl. ■ E. Guerin rode Jet Pilot to victory in the Kentucky Derby. ■ Mauri Rose won the annual Indy 500, averaging 116.3 m.p.h. ■ John Cobb, a race car driver, reached a world ground record of 394.196 m.p.h. ■ Jackie Robinson became the first black man to join a major baseball club. ■ Best Picture was "Gettlemen's Agreement" ■ Best Actress was Loretta Young, "Farmer's Daughter" ■ Best Actor was Ronald Coleman, "A Double Life" ■ Popular Songs were "Papa, Won't You Dance With Me?" & "Almost Like Being in Love"

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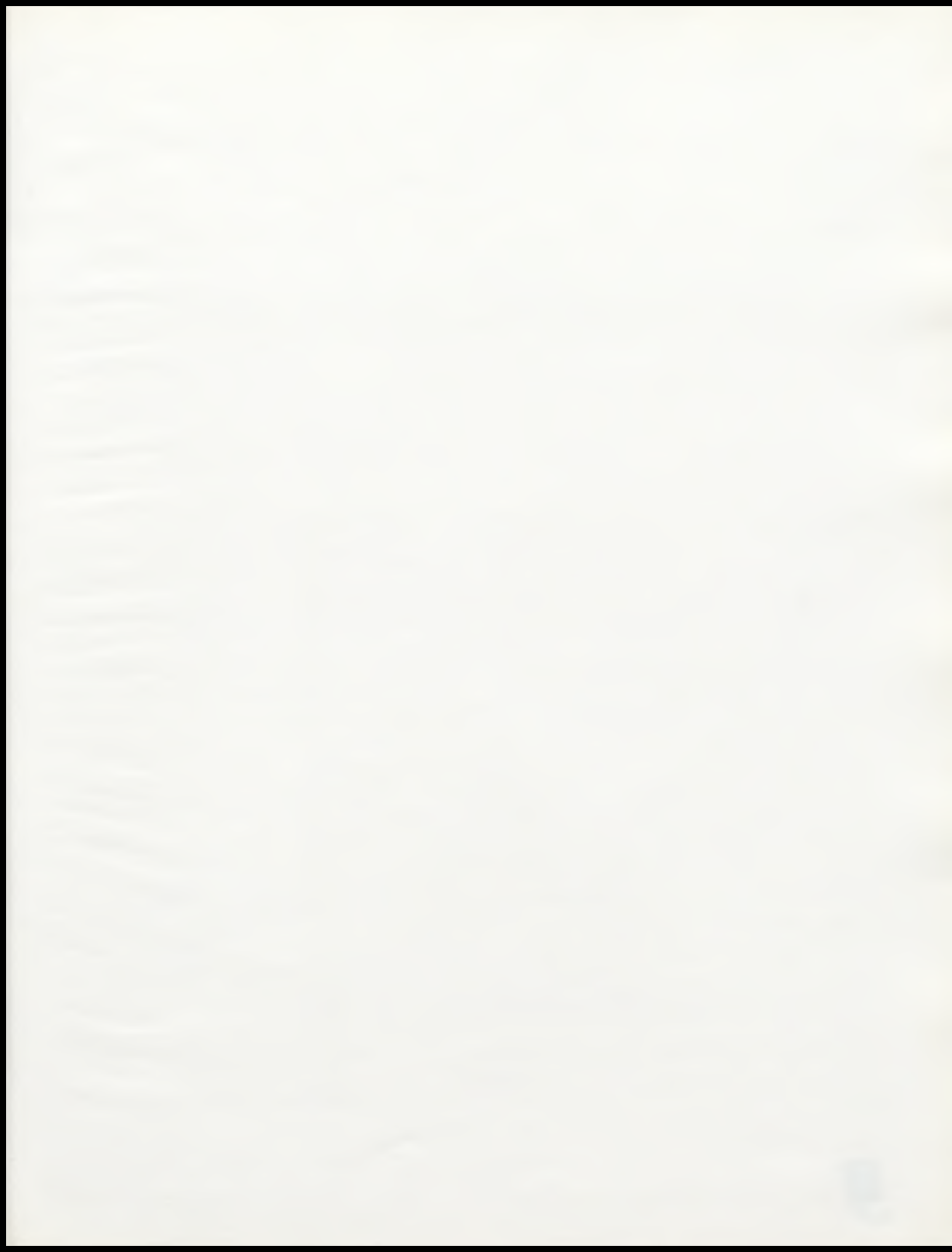
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Grasping the starting

block for balance, senior Josh Fausch pulls himself out of the pool after a relay race. Fausch was the co-captain of the boys' swimming team with senior Sean Flannery. *photo by Jen Goode*







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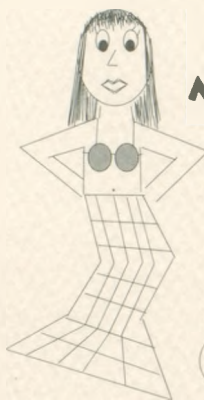
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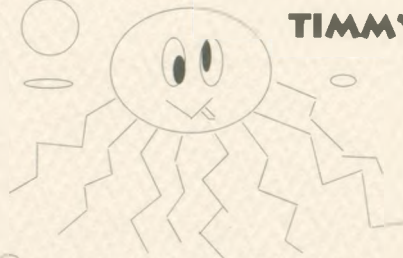
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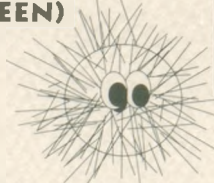


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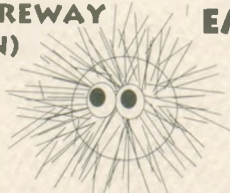
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